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SecNav's Statement on Demobilization Explains Policy, Gives Release Figures

More than one million Naval personnel have already been returned to civil life; more than two million will have been returned by Easter; and by the first of September, demobilization of the wartime Navy will be complete.

This is according to NAVPERS 15637, "The Navy's Demobilization Program," recently revised, which contains current demobilization policy and statements by SecNav James Forrestal.

However, while the Navy Department has age, length of service, service overseas and dependency as elements to be considered in regard to "fairness in the order of return," it has not seen fit to include operation and engagement stars, credit for more than one dependent, allowance for "drying up" of billets, or other miscellaneous elements such as pre-Pearl Harbor fathers, students, men with special skills which can be used in reconversion, former policemen, firemen, etc.

Mr. Forrestal justifies the holding of these men by explaining that "as a matter of practical administration as well as out of fairness to the mass of persons who are subject to demobilization, the Navy cannot presume to set up and maintain standards of relative urgency by which the personal convenience of these and other individuals may be judged as an element of the release of discharge process."

The Navy Department has an answer for the widespread griping about bronze stars. Why are soldiers given credit toward release and sailors are not? This is, the official explanation:

"First, while the stars indicate honorable service, they do not imply exceptional performance of duty. Thousands of men were engaged in hazardous operations against the enemy . . . but never participated in operations for which stars were authorized. To permit the stars to count toward release or discharge would therefore discriminate against them when their contribution to victory, while in action against the enemy, was on a par with that of men entitled to wear the stars.

"Second, since operation and engagement stars are authorized for persons who were not necessarily engaged in actual combat with the enemy, many are entitled to wear the stars who did not sight the enemy, or have a shot fired at them. . . ."

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Job Aid is Offered Ex-Navy Therapists

The National Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc., has recently established a central clearing house for the registration of discharged service personnel who have had military experience and training in the field of rehabilitation of physically handicapped persons and who would be interested in continuing this type of work in civilian life.

The agency is striving to locate qualified people and to place those accepted in the field. Persons registering with the society are asked to submit personal histories, to be evaluated, classified and reviewed, and must provide references to be investigated. These personal histories will in turn be submitted to prospective employers, free of charge to the applicant.

All hands interested in this opportunity may gain additional information by writing to the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc., Suite 1015, 11 South La Salle, Chicago, Ill.

Disbursing Office Notice

TO RATIONS ONLY PATIENTS

Navy patients who are at this hospital for rations only are usually paid within two days after their arrival. Amounts due are posted on Navy money list on ramp at rear of administration building. Payments are usually made at 1300, so patients should check the money list each morning until their name appears.

TO MEN DRAWING MAQ

Men drawing MAQ (Money Allowance for Quarters, Dependents) must file a renewal beneficiary slip as of 1 January 1946. Patients should contact Morgan, PhM2c, in the Patient Personnel office. Staff personnel should consult the Staff Personnel office.

Victory Parade Band to Broadcast From Auditorium

Coca-Cola's Victory Parade of Spotlight Bands will originate their popular radio salute from the stage of Oak Knoll's ship service auditorium Wednesday evening, 30 January. All patients and staff members are invited to attend the show which goes on the air waves at 1830.

Spotlight band selection for the broadcast will be Lawrence Welk, current headliner in the Mural Room at San Francisco's Hotel St. Francis.

The program will be broadcast over a nationwide hookup of the Mutual Broadcasting Company. Locally, KFRC in San Francisco will carry the broadcast.

Lawrence Welk will be accompanied by his accordion, his orchestra and lovely Jean Mowery, talented singing star of the program. The band will dedicate their numbers to patients at the hospital.

Doors to the auditorium will close at 1800 that evening, and no stragglers will be admitted afterwards.

This is the second Spotlight Band program to be presented at Oak Knoll in a little over a year. Lionel Hampton appeared first on 1 November, 1944.

The program is brought here as a presentation of Oak Knoll's Welfare and Recreation Department.

Hospital Corps Quarterly Reprints Another Moiphy

Slight satellite Johnny-the-Pen Penberthy, colorful Oak Leaf artist and shy father of sons Okie and Moiphy, has another one of his cartoons republished in the latest issue of the Hospital Corps Quarterly.

The featured drawing is one that first appeared in the Oak Leaf. It shows a sadly dejected Moiphy, obviously the subject of social ostracism, eating alone at a table for eight in the corpsman's chow hall. Such is the penalty, one of the docs remarks, for " . . . fraternizing with an M. A. A."

The cartoon has another obvious feature. As described above, Moiphy is not in a bar.

Moiphy has never been known to be ostracized in a bar.

Capt. A. M. Snell, Noted Specialist, Leaves Oak Knoll

Oak Knoll received one of demobilization's hardest blows earlier this week, when our latest sacrifice to the point system put Captain Albert M. Snell, former Chief of Medicine, back into civilian life. During his stay Captain Snell became one of the most popular figures on the compound.

While Captain Snell has been Chief of Medicine and his work has been in the diagnosis and treatment of most well-known diseases, his personal specialty and first love are diseases of the gastro-intestinal tract. At Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, where he worked before entering the Navy, he was chief of the section of medicine that dealt with this branch.

Dr. Snell's Naval career began in World War I as a Lieutenant aboard the U. S. S. Luckenbach. Between the two wars he remained in the Naval Reserve and was called to active duty immediately after the war broke out. During his tour of duty he spent time at Corona Hospital near Los Angeles and on the first ambulance auxiliary, the U. S. S. Tryon.

Aboard Oak Knoll since March, 1944, Captain Snell has interested himself in many activities outside his usual spheres of duty. Until last June he carried the executive weight of the presidency of the Officers' Club. In addition to this he has been Chairman of Internes' and Junior Officers' Training.

Dr. Snell will return to his post at Mayo Clinic.

Ship Service Fountain Is Now Cafeteria

Lt. (jg) E. H. Kershner, Ship Service Officer, announced the beginning Wednesday morning of cafeteria service in the Community Service Building's busy soda fountain.

Installation of this plan is expected to assure quicker, more efficient and more equitable service, Mr. Kershner stated.

The menu is the same under the new system. Hours are from 0900 to 1700 daily, with the exception of Sunday.

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• The Veteran's Voice

We are reading with genuine interest in the local and national press the many thought-provoking articles written by ex-service men. Most of these articles are the work of young reporters who went off to war and who have returned to resume their creative activities. A smaller portion of the copy is the work of newcomers to the writing field, men whose talents have come-of-age through the powerful emotional experiences of war.

These stories are for the most part personalized, opinionated commentaries on civilian living and the problems of re-adjustment that the dischargée faces. Few of these writers are boldly presumptive enough to say that their own expressions are representative of all veterans. We laud this stand. Most of the serious difficulties of getting back into the swing which the discharged service man encounters are actually, we think, of intimate nature. No one except the sob sisters can write of such personal problems on a general plane. We're glad that the newspaper veterans aren't telling their non-newspaperman veteran brother how to readjust himself to his gal when she asks him how he could possibly stay overseas three years and not come back at least a lieutenant.

However, by exposing his own experiences, the writer performs a service that will aid as well as interest the reader whether he is an ex-GI or not. After all, the problems that are common to most dischargées—such as housing, unemployment, inflation, lack of clothing—are strangely enough quite common to most of the other civilians, too.

We think it would be wise for tomorrow's civilians to keep the above fact well in mind. Although, as veterans, they will be in a special class, that class is not a special social, economic or cultural one. It is a special military class. Nothing less, nothing more. The importance and popularity of the class is entirely dependent on the direction in which it bends its efforts and influence. Veterans' groups must speak first for the nation and then for themselves and their members. No group, veteran or otherwise, must expect privileges that are not available to all without the assumption of extra obligations.

We are observing an inspiring patriotic reaction among most ex-service men. They are anxious to shed the apparent distinctions that mark a veteran. They are equally eager to re-enter society as patriotic peace-conscious citizens who will voice opinions that are for the benefit of the country as a whole.

This does not mean that veterans should deny themselves the just rewards of their sacrifices. It simply means that they should limit, control and adjust them, by influence, so that the preferences they are granted do not boomerang and devastate them.

Thus we look to these writers who were soldiers and sailors once themselves to express soon the views of the ex-service man as an American first and as a veteran second—the latter being a convincing complement to the first.

We would not want the non-veteran majority to think that veterans feel they are entitled to "control" the government or to "run" public institutions.

We would like these writers to say that the ex-service man wants most of all a fair deal, and this does not mean an edge on his ex-4F neighbor who was a war worker.

The veterans of this war will be heard, you may be sure, as they are being heard now. Through the enlightenment which their spokesmen are giving the public, they must aspire to be felt not as a bunch of men who are different, but as a group of citizens who are very much alike.

She's Fleetest of the Fleet



(Official Navy Photo: SEA)

All transatlantic records were broken by the carrier USS Lake Champlain, which brought these waiting GIs home at a new clip of 32.048 knots from Gibraltar to Norfolk.

The Naples dock shown is a familiar sight to many Navy men, who first set foot on Italian soil here. It was an even happier sight to the soldiers who took their leave of Italy on this spot.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"The Charity of Christ Urges Us"

We are told that the first impressions are lasting. I feel that my first contacts with my new duties here should last, because they are of a kindly, benevolent, and a charitable nature. All these impressions are a part of religion.

Religion has to do with our own personal relationship to God, our Creator, Preserver, and Redeemer. Our own religious inclination and belief has to do with our attitude towards mankind in general. Saint Paul boasts that he was "all things to all men." In so dealing with men he came in touch with souls from many nations, races, and religions. He was spurred on in his work because in his own words "The Charity of Christ Urges Us."

The spirit that I have observed at this hospital is one of Charity. This spirit shows itself in the personnel who in so many ways directly and indirectly minister to the patients.

Perhaps many who care for the sick or who do even the lowliest tasks in the hospital do not realize that they exercise the virtue of Charity in a very high degree. Charity is that virtue by which we love God above all other things, and our neighbor as ourselves, because God is our Father.

In a direct way the doctors, nurses, corpsmen and Red Cross workers and many other attendants visit the sick. Indirectly those who prepare food, serve it, those who wash dishes or sweep decks or wash clothes or do a thousand and one other things in a hospital, are also visiting the sick.

Christ Himself visited the sick. After He healed the sick, He said that a cup of water given in His name would not go unrewarded.

With God's help and in the spirit of the Charity of Christ towards all men we shall go forward into 1946. We shall do even better than our best to serve, console and heal the patients who have come to us for care.

DONALD L. BARRY, Chaplain, USNR.

Divine Services

Protestant: Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, J. A. Talley, A. T. L. Armstrong, W. F. Summers. Sunday— Morning Service 1000 Communion Service 1100 Evening Vespers 1930 Weekday— Morning Devotions 0730 Vesper Service 1600 Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800. Choir—Tuesday & Thursday, 1400-1500.	L. D. S. (Mormon): Services 1930 Thursday.
Catholic: Chaplains—B. L. Barry, R. F. Redman. Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130. Weekday Mass—0630 and 1630. Confessions before all Masses. Novena and Benediction, 1630 Tuesday.	Jewish: Divine Service—2000 Friday. The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1900 to 2000 on Fridays.
	Christian Science: Wartime minister will be at the reception office in the Chapel every Tuesday at 1400 to 1600.

Our Doctor

Lt. David Eder, medical skipper of Ward 43B, is one of the few staff officers who can claim California by birth rather than by adoption. The husky, good-natured neuro-surgeon is a native of Los Angeles, although San Francisco has been his home since medical school days.



Lt. David Eder (MC) USNR

Dr. Eder's busy tasks here embrace the treatment of men who have received head or spinal column injuries. The delicate nature of this treatment demands constant, skilled attention for long periods of time, usually months, before recovery is achieved. However, rapid advances of war-time medicine have enhanced the possibilities of restoration and, although most of his patients are the victims of serious injuries, their outlook for the future under the Navy's care is more than hopeful.

Dr. Eder received his A. B. degree from the University of California at Los Angeles and then traveled north to the Berkeley campus for his training in medicine. At college he reticently admits "playing a little basketball." Following graduation and receipt of the cherished M. D., he interned at the San Francisco City and County General Hospital. Dr. Eder received his commission in the Navy's Medical Corps in July of 1943 and, after indoctrination, went to sea aboard the destroyer USS Fletcher for an action-packed cruise of twenty-one months' duration.

Returning to the States in May of 1945, he was assigned to Oak Knoll and has remained here for seven months. Patients laud his friendly cooperativeness, and he agrees that he enjoys his duty here, as it "presents a good clinical picture and practical experience." And, also, it makes it possible for him to reside at home in San Francisco with his wife and baby daughter.

Mechanical Brain Helped Win War

A giant mathematical calculator that can solve in a few hours or even minutes problems that would occupy a group of trained computers many weeks was one of the Navy's secret weapons, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has announced.

In operation since six months after Pearl Harbor it has worked out range tables for Navy guns as well as such difficult problems as fire control and radar antenna design. Even some mathematicians are baffled by the machine's operations.

A closely guarded war secret, the rumor of failure of the machine was permitted to stand because Germany was close to a similar device.

The machine has proved valuable in such diversified problems as analysis of information on earthquakes, sound waves, rates of change in chemical processes and atomic wave functions.

The automaton can be operated by one man despite its 100 tons, its 2,000 electronic tubes, 150 motors and nearly 200 miles of wire and relays.

Officers Reporting:

Ch. Pharm. Maurice E. Nye, USN; Lt. Cmdr. Thomas A. Leonard (MC), USNR; Lt. Cmdr. Donald L. Barry, (ChC), USNR; Lt. Harry A. Weiss (MC), USN; Lt. Cmdr. Frederick E. Knight (MC), USNR; Lt. Cmdr. Sidney P. Mitchell (MC), USN; Pharm. Raleigh C. Robinette, USN; Lt. (jg) Nels J. Thyssell (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) John D. Casey (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Don L. Andrus (MC), USN.

Officers Detached:

Lt. Cmdr. Bruce L. Canaga, Jr. (MC), USN; Capt. William F. Holcomb (MC), USNR; Lt. Richard E. Hughes H(S), USNR; Lt. Cmdr. Theodore K. Harveson, Jr. (MC), USNR; Cmdr. Charles F. Steiss (MC), USNR.

Teacher: Wallace, if I take 59 from 101, what's the difference?

Little Wallace: Yeah, teacher! That's what I say, Ta' hell with it!

Meet Miss Dawson



The newest addition to the American Red Cross staff at Oak Knoll is Miss Marjorie Dawson of St. Paul, Minn., who will assume the duties of Recreation Supervisor, a newly created office. Miss Dawson, who has been working for the American Red Cross for two years, was stationed at the Army hospital at Auburn, California prior to her appointment here.

THE ADMIRAL IN SICK BAY



U. S. Army Photograph

Behaving with less decorum than is expected of gold braid, Admiral Wags, 13-year-old cocker spaniel who served aboard the Enterprise, fell from the carrier's flight deck to the hangar deck. Seriously injured, he was strapped in this combination splint and stretcher by Army doctors at Governors Island, N. Y., and is now on the way to recovery.

Holiday Season's End Brings No Lull in Red Cross Labors

The Red Cross staff, undaunted by the strenuous activities of Christmas and New Year's celebrations, continued with another week of stellar entertainment for the wards. On New Year's Day members of the recreation staff visited various wards on the compound with popcorn, cokes and a lively football quiz to set the mood for the afternoon bowl games. That same afternoon there were station-wagon rides, conducted by the Red Cross Motor Corps, for patients in two or three wards. These rides are offered twice weekly, rain or shine—or rain.

Several outside entertainers, many of whom have been visiting the hospital weekly for many months, were here to wile away a few hours of the afternoon and evening. Mr. Archembault, with his extensive record collection, "a walking juke-box," played requests in two or more wards every Thursday afternoon. (Incidentally, he was the jolly, be-pillowed Santa Claus in many of the wards on Christmas Eve.) Mr. Sundin, another gentleman loyal in his service to the hospital, brought movie shorts to the wards as he does twice weekly, on Wednesday and Thursday nights. These vary from sport epics to "cheesecake" shots of La Grable, etc. A most entertaining magician, Mr. Eyster, baffled patients on several wards. He, too, has been faithfully coming to the hospital each Friday for several months. His sleight-of-hand card tricks and other paraphernalia of the magician delight patients who are asked to participate in, as well as observe, his tricks.

The dancing department, which Red Cross also supplies, offers folk dancing groups from San Francisco and Berkeley, who dance gaily here every Tuesday and Wednesday night. In their colorful, bright

costumes, they demonstrate dances of various foreign countries and then instruct up-patients in the simpler dances. Miss Margarite Tarres is a new addition to the entertainment list.

A group of Gray Ladies, especially trained in recreation, also devotes afternoons to entertaining. Five pianists played in ten or more wards during the week, stimulating community singing and playing requests. One, Mrs. Allan and her husband, came out on Tuesday evening to do a show themselves. She, playing the piano, while Mr. Allan does magic tricks and leads community singing. Another group—the charming and lovely young girls from Cal, sponsored by the Y. W. C. A.—gave a party on two wards on Tuesday evening. The other college girl groups were temporarily discontinued, because of Christmas vacations in schools, but all of them will be back in full swing next week.

The USO hospital unit was here again last week, and promises to send a new unit each week. They cover six to eight wards in their two afternoon performances, and present a sparkling group of variety entertainers.

"Ah wins."

"What yuh got?"

"Three aces."

"No yuh don't. Ah wins."

"What yuh got?"

"Two deuces and a razor."

"Yuh shore does. How come you so lucky?"

An earnest young HA2c was counting his pay by wetting his fingers and leafing through the bills.

"Hey, that money is full of germs," a hashmarked chief shouted.

"Nuts," the HA2c replied, "no germs could live on my salary."

1945 Will Be Long Remembered As the Year of Victory And Also As the Year of the Hospital's Biggest Christmas



Oak Knoll's Santa Claus Came Early and He Stayed Late; He Seems to have Brought Us Everything--Even A Date!



Holiday Ship, USS Oak Knoll, Ended Cruise New Year's Eve



Climax of the hospital's holiday revelry were the New Year's Eve dances at the auditorium and at the Officers' Club. And a fitting climax it was, as the nameless subjects in these pictures plainly testify. Scenes above were snapped that night before 2359. Activity was more or less at a 4.0 standstill at 2400. Putting it guardedly, V-J Day celebrations were tamer than saline solution compared to this one.

Demobilization

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Original Schedule Revised Upward

"Navy's ships will bring back more than half of the Army personnel eventually due for return, in addition to bringing approximately 1,800,000 officers and men of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard between October 1, 1945, and September 1, 1946.

It stated that "The Navy's original schedule for demobilization called for the return to civil life of approximately 836,000 persons by December 31. The revised schedule raises this total to 1,196,000 by the same date, an increase of 360,000.

"To provide for this increase in the number actually to be demobilized by December 31, approximately 1,555,000 persons will have been made eligible for demobilization by that date."

According to the latest demobilization schedule, the following number of officers and men will be released on a monthly basis: December 353,000; January, 348,900; February, 238,600; March, 234,700; April, 151,800; May, 151,800; June, 156,300; July, 292,900; August, 292,900.

Time Magazine's Book Selections

Time Magazine's book section recently listed the outstanding literary works of the past year. Of those mentioned, the compound library has an impressive number.

In the non-fiction section there are: *The Yogi and the Commissar*, by Arthur Koestler; *The Perennial Philosophy*, by Aldous Huxley; *Enrico Caruso*, by Dorothy Caruso; *A. Woolcott*, by Samuel Hopkins Adams; *Black Boy*, by Richard Wright; *The Young Jefferson*, by Claude G. Bowers; *Woodrow Wilson and the Great Betrayal*, by Thomas A. Bailey; *Up Front*, by Bill Mauldin; *Persian Gulf Command*, by Joel Sayre; *American Guerrilla in the Philippines*, by Ira Wolfert; *The Vigil of a Nation*, by Lin Yutang; *Bolts of Melody*, by Emily Dickinson.

And in the fiction section there are: *Cass Timberlane*, by Sinclair Lewis; *The Black Rose*, by Thomas Costain; *Three O'Clock Dinner*, by Josephine Pinckney; *The Manatee*, by Nancy Bruff; *A Lion Is in the Streets*, by Adria Locke Langley; *The World, the Flesh, and Father Smith*, by Bruce Marshall; *So Well Remembered*, by James Hilton; *The White Tower*, by James Ramsey Ullman; *Apartment in Athens*, by Glenway Wescott; *Days and Nights*, by Konstantine Simonev; *Rickshaw Boy*, by Lau Shaw; *The Ballad and the Source*, by Rosamond Lehman.

The still popular and still best seller novels—Lloyd Douglas's *The Robe*; Kathleen Winsor's *Forever Amber*; Samuel Shellabarger's *Captain from Castile*; Ayn Rand's *The Fountainhead*—are also to be found in quantity in the library.

"My wife is scared to death someone will steal her clothes."

"Doesn't she have them insured?"

"She does better than that. She has someone stay in the closet and watch them. I found him there last night."

Two Marine veterans were bragging about their respective outfits. "When we presented arms", said the first one, "All you could hear was slap, slap, click."

"With us, it was slap, slap, jingle," said the other.

"Jingle? What was that?"

"Our medals."

AWVS Service Bar Closes After 3 Years

A service man's canteen that had become a favorite home-away-from-home to Oak Knollers closed last month after three years of pleasurable service to both patients and staff.

The A.W.V.S. Snack Shack, which originally started to serve coffee and doughnuts to belated liberty hounds waiting for their bus, became a liberty haven in itself when local organizations and neighbors extended funds for expanded activities at the request of Mrs. Spencer Stebenne, chairman of the canteen.

Mrs. Stebenne was the main force behind the extension of Key System bus service from 90th and MacArthur to the hospital until 0218 daily. Watching the patients standing in the cold, waiting for these last busses, gave her the idea of opening a coffee canteen. The canteen grew to become one of Oak Knoll's most appreciated rendezvous. It was located midway between 89th and 90th on MacArthur until the expiration of its lease concluded operation.

Wolf's motto: "Let us prey."



She Checks Checks On Civilians' Pay

Keeping all the pay records for Oak Knoll's 609 civilian employees and Cadet Nurses keeps Miss Merian Reihl, of Civilian Personnel, busier than a San Francisco mint manager.



Miss Merian Reihl

One needs no Gallup poll to discover that civilians, not unlike military personnel, have a prime interest in getting the proper amount in the proper place on the regular pay stipend. When a civilian employee gasps, "I've been gypped!" and feels there should be an adjustment, he burns up the ramps running for Miss Reihl's office and an explanation. Then well-poised Miss Reihl coolly starts pulling out ledgers, pay accounts, withholding tax receipts, bond allotments, chow receipts—of which she maintains all records—and offers the usual soothing explanation why the old check isn't as big as the worker dreamed it would be. This explanation, you may be sure, she does in a winning and convincing manner to the complete satisfaction of all parties concerned, including civilian employee officers here. For she has held her purse-strings position for a neat 39 months.

Adroitly assisting her in her weekly and bi-weekly pay account figuring are Miss Marian Haas, Miss Rita Haverlandt and Mrs. Pearl Meldon.

Miss Reihl is a graduate of Oakland's Castlemount High School. She also attended Elliott Fisher Underwood's training school in San Francisco, which gave her an excellent training background for her important job.

Her mother, Mrs. Emma Reihl, is an Oak Knoll employee, too. She operates a power machine in the hospital's sewing room.

In her leisure time, Miss Reihl enjoys swimming, ice skating and football game spectating. She is also an accomplished pianist (and probably a darn good cook).

Mary had a little skirt,
She stood against the light;
Who gives a damn
For Mary's lamb
With Mary's calves in sight!

SPORTS...

Receiving top billing on this week's athletic previews and reviews is the male bowling competition with a new slateful of records and high scores. Most likely contenders for the White League offering to the world's series are the Psychos and the Ramblers.

Heading the list of individual keggers is Wagener of the ship service team. His tally of 625 for three straight games leads the field, seconded by a 620 by King. Wagener also holds the contemporary record for high game with 222.

Latest dope on the men's basketball tourney reveals two wins for the Cagers before Christmas, a league contest with Shoemaker and a practice whirl with Army Air Transport Command of Oakland.

According to knowledgeable authorities, the Cagers made their best showing of the season in the Shoemaker game, and if the form keeps up they will be first-class candidates for the league pennant.

Sentry: "Who goes there?"

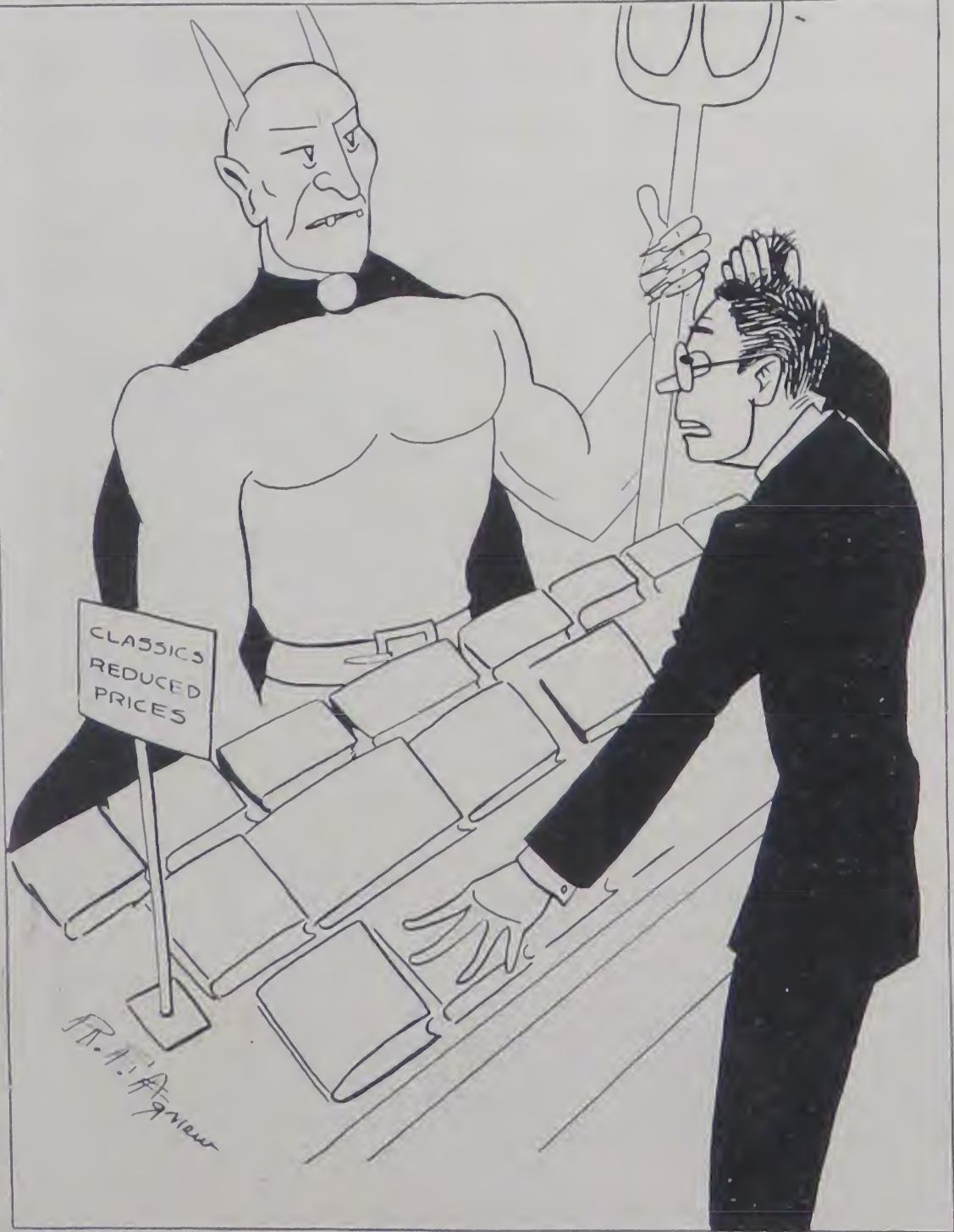
Officer: "Lieutenant Smith."

Sentry: "Password?"

Officer: "Doggone it, man, I've forgotten it. You know me well enough."

Sentry: "Must have the password."

Voice from Guardhouse: "Don't stand there arguing all night. Shoot him."



"A COPY OF DANTE'S INFERNO, PLEASE"

Busy Small Stores is Big Business Without Problems of Reconversion

"What size? Thank you, next!" to the tune of the tinkling cash register is the melody of a busy day at Small Stores. This snappy department, under the direction of dynamic little SK2c Johnny Ott, is the Oak Knoll branch of one of the world's largest dry-goods businesses.

The inflexible law of supply and demand is largely responsible for the outstanding monthly turnover of about \$60,000 worth of quality GI merchandise monthly. Patients overseas provide the demand and an adequate supply of the right number of the right sizes of the right items of the 60-odd they carry are three of the five "rights" to be accounted for by the storekeepers. The other two are to see that they get the right customers and that the right amount of moolau comes across the counter.

There are absolutely no hospital corpsmen working in this division, making it the only department on the compound that can boast of this distinction. Four storekeepers, former shipping clerks, accountants, students and salesmen, make up the disbursing staff that assist Ott in the book-keeping and across-the-counter work that make up the duties of this staff. Handling the grueling paper work is the department's only female member, pert, attractive SK2c Juanita Trefz. Making her work easier by pounding an efficient typewriter is SK3c Bill

Gardner. SK3c Jesse Strange and SIC Ronnie Johnson help Ott with the cash customers and the stockroom.

Best sellers in the long list of necessities purveyed by Small Stores are underwear and towels. Best customers for these things are discharges. The Bureau of Naval Personnel has urged vets



Across this counter pass \$60,000 of Oak Knoll's cash monthly—for quality, low-price clothes.

going home to stock up on these hard-to-get unmentionables, but has placed a reasonable limit so that the supply will go around.

Small Stores An Aid To POW's

Divested overseas veterans and POW's are a constant but welcome drain on supplies. Cooperating with the clothing claims office, Small Stores issues enough clothing to these men to get them out on liberty and to their next station. The transfer of the receiving hospital from San Francisco last month doubled these purchases.

Because of the nature of the transactions, patients often make gifts of foreign currency to the storekeepers. These have interested Bill Gardner, an overseas veteran himself, and his collection boasts of long strips of Chinese, Japanese, etc., bills. He proudly unravels this mazuma to the inspection of anybody showing the slightest interest.

When Small Stores first opened it was located in an out-of-the-way corner of the M. A. A. shack. It later moved to a small building of its own on top of the hill. Its final trek to the spacious quarters it now occupies in the Marine Detachment building was accomplished with sales still being carried on. A customer would pick up his merchandise on the hill and go down to pay for it in the new location. This was an all around headache for the crew.

This department is a section of the Disbursing Office and is under the supervision of Lt. Cmdr. H. C. Thiele, (SC) USNR, Disbursing Officer.

To buy..sell..rent..

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Apartment. Anyone intending to vacate an apartment please contact Blanche at switchboard. "I'm so tired of living with mother-in-law."

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Electric razor. Person who left it in yellow Pontiac while hitch-hiking may obtain same by calling KE llogg 3-0137.

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Eversharp pen, gold top with brown bottom. See E. J. Kantor, 45A.

Pair of pink shell-rimmed glasses by hitch-hiking sailor on MacArthur Blvd. Car driven by sailor who had just brought six-year-old son to Out Patient Clinic here. If found, please contact the Oak Leaf, Ext. 230.

Officers Wed Here



Lt. (jg) Alfred Schuchard (DC) USNR, and Ensign Marjorie Poole, staff nurse, are pictured following their first wedded kiss which followed fast after their wedding rites with the usual, traditional celerity.

The couple were married in the hospital chapel by Chaplain Charles Chrisman, just a short while before the groom shoved off for sea duty aboard a sub chaser.

Both are Bay Area residents and University of California graduates.

A sauntering boot from Kentucky encountered a brisk young ensign. "Mawin'," drawled the boot pleasantly.

The outraged officer launched a blistering lecture on military courtesy, with emphasis on saluting.

"Lawdamighty," said the rookie, "if I'd a knowed you was gonna carry on like that, I wouldn't of spoke to you atall."

A boy in long pants got on a streetcar for ten cents; a lad in short pants got on for a nickel and a pretty gal got on for nothing—she had a transfer.

Scuttlebutt

Disbursing's Doris, Forever Ott, is ringing again, we are tolled. The he in the engagement is Jack Bloch, Oakland civvie, Doris shyly reveals. Congratulations and good luck and—hurry!

Stiff Personnel's No-Thanks-I-Never-Touch-the-Stuff gang threw a pre-New Year's atomization at the Club Alabam last week-end. The idea of the chummy little get-together was to send off the department's distinguished anchor-man, Stalin-like Victor Rizk. Risible Rizk returns to Detroit and leaves behind a host of two-way friendships. It is perhaps unfortunate that his farewell party must remain a blank for posterity. None of the participants "... seem to remember a thing about it, except there was chicken, then Vichy water, then eggs and, golly that Vichy water was good!"

It took no more than the seventy-two hours liberty that Sampson transportation officers gave him, for Saul Salters to affiance himself on a patient draft to New York's Shirley Gilham. Which is plenty Slick!

PhotoGraphic Arts' new titian-haired tornado, adorable Sara Winkler, seems to have set the whole crew afire over there. We're confidently counting on their dark-room hypo to put out the fire though.

Magnificent Margie Salters, whom we thought all along was engaged, isn't, but should be! Wife-hunters, raise your sights. She's terrific. (Notice, this is not a paid advertisement.)

Count on the good old X-Ray Dept. to get the Christmas spirit(s). They did.

Marvelous Maggie Moore, this department's favorite WAVE, denies all connection with scandal—and then runs madly down the ramp away from Scuttlebutt reporters. (Notice, this is a paid advertisement.)

Mimeographer Edwin Van Stavern returns to civilian life today and to a world safely removed from the opium-inducing clackety-clack of a speeding mimeograph machine. With veteran Kingsford, Van Stavern was one of Oak Knoll's original mimeo twins who reproduced (on paper) millions and millions of the hospital's forms.

Dotty Matesich and Rusty Masson wanna' wish ya' all a happy new year, in case they didn't.

A sadly, sadly married Smith is Oak Knoll's former Wave, Elaine. Her jg. pappy, Donald Schaer, just hoisted sail for a second tour of overseas duty, and despondent Elaine has ripped out bulkheads in her San Francisco home to accommodate a lamp large enough for the old man to see all the way from Guam.

Indian squaw: A pistol packin' mama with a rear gunner.

A Pleasant Point Accumulator



Deep in the heart of Texas and deep in the heart of her daddy, Slt Thomas J. Goss, is healthful and vivacious young Mary Ann, above. Five years old and ten points towards the old man's discharge, young Miss Goss of Colorado City, Tex., looks easily capable of marching on Washington and melting the whole point structure with her warm and winsome smile.

(Staff and patient husbands are invited to submit pictures of their own wives, daughters and sons for publication under this feature.)

"I once ran into a flock of geese while I was doing 70 miles an hour."

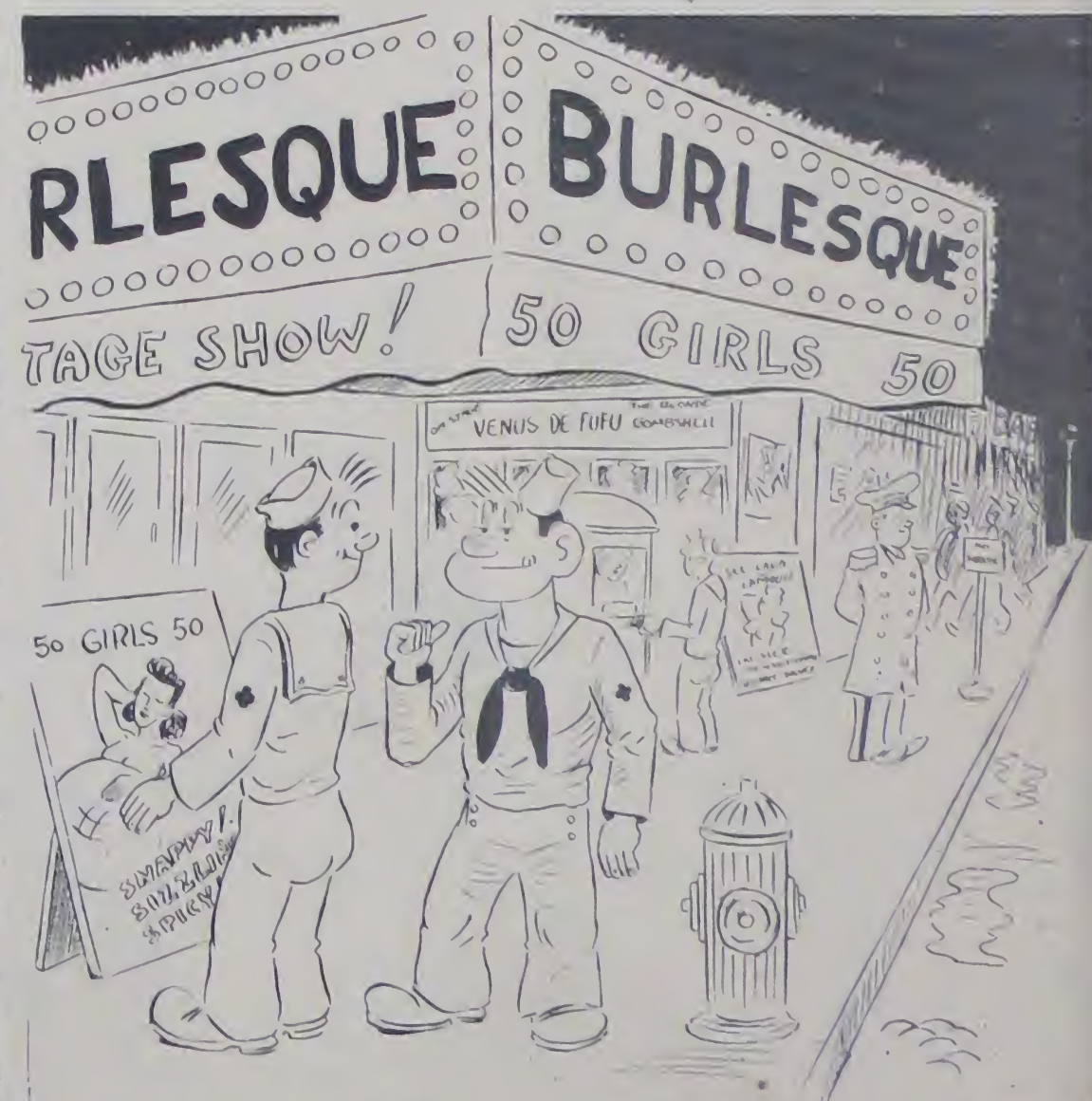
"I'll bet you were scared!"

"No, but I was covered with gooseflesh."

Adam's attire was raggy and baggy, And so by the way was Eve's; So he said to his spouse, As he entered the house, "Let's go get our annual leaves."

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3. If either applies to you, it is recommended that you contact the insurance office, located on the third floor of the Post Office Building.



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Rate Advance For Waves--If

A recent release from the Office of the Commandant of the 12th Naval District relayed an order from SecNav offering all essential Wave enlisted personnel an increase in rate to the next pay grade providing they volunteer for an enlistment extending until 1 September, 1946.

This order was occasioned by the non-availability of qualified civilian personnel to take over the various jobs done by the Waves. Advancements in rate will be made without regard to time in pay grade and without professional examinations.

First-class petty officers among the Wave personnel at Oak Knoll accepting this offer will become chief petty officers, the first on the staff.

These provisions do not apply to male enlisted personnel due to the ultimate adverse effect on the post-war rating structure which does not include Waves.

Interested Waves should see HAlc Dick Nelson in staff personnel for shipping-over chits.

Nylons! Only for Uncle Sam's Gams

A recent announcement by Lt. (jg) E. H. Kershner, ship's service officer, is the final proof that the war is over to every woman on the compound. A stock of nylon hose large enough to adorn every Grable-like leg at Oak Knoll will soon appear on the shelves at ship's service.

Nurses and Waves, staff and patients, are urged to take advantage of this offer. Nylons, until recently next-to-impossible to obtain because of the use of the material in war fabrics, have been the cause of scrambles and near riots in civilian stores, when women, with the eternal quest of beauty in mind, have risked most of all for one pair of the sheer adornments.

This won't be necessary at the hospital, however, as there will be enough to go around, although each customer will be limited to one pair. These will have to last for two months.

It's Pack-Up-And-Go-Home for Them



Three of the Navy's million and a quarter already demobilized are the girls above, who were Oak Knoll's first Wave arrivals. They are (left to right): Martha Benson, here 20 months, Barbara Pennington, here 30 months, and Beverly Alexander, 33-month veteran.

Alnav Melts Most Critical Point Scores Thaws Therapists, Mail Clerks, SK's

Two floors a month, the crowded critical point elevator is going down. Under the provisions of ALNAV 6, the Navy's newest demobilization memo, nearly 18,750 additional officers and 170,000 enlisted personnel will become eligible for separation as a result of new progressive reductions in point scores through 2 March.

According to the ALNAV, critical scores for most male enlisted personnel will be reduced to 33 on 15 February, and to 32 on 2 March. The present score is 36, and plans were announced previously for reductions to 35 on 15 January and to 34 on 2 February.

The critical score for most male commissioned and warrant officers will be reduced to 40 on 15 February and to 39 on 2 March. Present score for that group is 43, and previously announced plans call for reductions to 42 on 15 January and to 41 on 2 February.

The critical score for Wave officers, set at 28, effective 2 February, will be further reduced to 27 on 2 March. The critical score for most Wave enlisted personnel, set at 22, effective 2 February, will be further reduced to 21 on 2 March.

Previous scores are 29 for Wave officers and 23 for Wave enlisted personnel.

Navy nurses, now 29, will be

reduced to 28 on 2 February and to 27 on 2 March.

Male doctors, now 51, will be cut to 50 on 2 February and to 49 on 2 March.

Hospital corpsmen with specialty physical therapy (PhT) or occupational therapy (OT) and assigned to continental U. S. Naval Hospitals or U. S. Naval Special Hospitals: on 2 March, reduced to 40 points.

Male mailmen, on 15 February will be reduced to 34; on 2 March and thereafter eligible at score for unrestricted male enlisted personnel.

Hospital CorpsWaves with specialty physical therapy (PhT) or occupational therapy (OT) and assigned to continental U. S. Naval Hospitals or U. S. Naval Special Hospitals: on 2 March, reduced to 25 points.

Male yeomen, specialists (C), classification, and storekeepers

(Continued on page 5)

Jose Iturbi to Play Sunday

Comes Sunday, 13 January, and to Oak Knoll comes another sparkling particle of Hollywood and New York nebulae, Jose Iturbi, poor man's Beethoven and rich man's Berlin. Mr. Iturbi will make a guest appearance on that date in the ship's service auditorium at 1400 and all hands are invited. The renowned artist will provide selections from his favorite repertoire of classical and popular melodies.

During his appearance at the hospital last March, audience-captivating Mr. Iturbi cast a musical spell and received the uninhibited attention and appreciation of a packed hall. He scored with classic renditions of classical melodies—and he wowed us with boogie. The hit number of his previous engagement here was Chopin's "Polonaise," which later became the nation's top tune.

Mr. Iturbi is on a concert tour at present that will take him to both Oakland and San Francisco.

Stars and Stripes Over Whangpoo



—Official Navy Photograph: SEA.

Once again the American flag flies over the Shanghai skyline as the Seventh Fleet is moored in the Whangpoo River, off the Bund of the international city.

Anybody not know what the Bund is?

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• The Newest Post-War War

The present labor-management discord presents nothing but an ugly picture, no matter how you frame it. As is the case with most colossal struggles between two giants, the innocent third-party onlooker will suffer most. In this case that third party is plainly the public. We doubt if the public is actually so "innocent," but there is little doubt that they are the group who will bear the most severe brunt. And obviously, they are more than mere "onlookers," too.

Under the guise of officialdom, this column naturally will reflect no stand other than the hope that the true will of the people will eventually express itself, and that peaceful, productive accord will be reached.

To even an impartial observer, however, one fact grows more glaringly apparent as the disharmony increases day after day. If the public's will is to express itself, both teams will need leaders of a far higher caliber than their present captains. On both sides—on labor's side and on management's side—there is little leadership that inspires confidence. Public faith simply does not repose in the integrity of the chieftains of either team. Pointedly, these chieftains are weak.

For example, when either division makes or feints a motion toward "yielding," it is usually accompanied with a self-blown trumpet blare of propaganda. That sickening subterfuge becomes more obvious and more odious than if no melodramatics had been attempted. And the leaders of both sides lose face. Labor's and management's defenders are not gaining public trust and losing what trust they maintained over the war years. With complete gratitude for the home front's efforts during the war, we are occasionally prompted to remind both groups that the victory-winning blood was spilled not in the factory, the steel mill or the mine—but at Berlin and Okinawa, and thousands of foreign sites before. It frankly discourages and disgusts military personnel to hear too much about the home front war winners. There was no job code for the foxhole.

The ex-service men of the nation, having been assimilated again into the public, are themselves now in either labor's or management's camp. Too, they represent potential buyers of labor's goods and, of course, labor itself. These men, above all, should not suffer from either want. They should not be denied goods. They should not be denied the right to work for goods.

The present problem is not insolvable. But unless labor's and management's leaders reach an understanding and appreciation of the important third party, the giants will become dwarfs, and Dwarf Public will assume its true stature of Giant Public.

Is it too futile to hope that in both camps there will arise fresh, vigorous personalities, new leaders whose unselfish interests are those of the nation as a whole? Is it futile to expect that new leaders can forget petty distinctions, selfish advantages and personality differences? America desperately needs leaders now. America needs hard-hitting but generous servants to wait with distinction on an anxious people.

Labor-management difficulties can be compromised providing labor, management, or the Government, produces strong men. The nation's interests will perhaps be best served if all groups contributed sound, creditable figures who would truly represent the majority's sound, creditable policies.

Internally and abroad, the country prospered on its inherent wealth because that wealth was entrusted to men of vision. Our wealth has not diminished. How about our men of vision?

LAGER LAPPING LION



Press Association Photograph

Even hardened drinkers at a New York tavern swore off when this lion blew in, climbed up on the bar and started drinking a short beer. The alcoholic beast's name is Sandy, and he was brought back by the three sailors from Dakar as a mascot.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

The Race of Life

"Know ye not that they that run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? Even so run; that ye may attain."

There are no reserved seats in the game of life. In this game every person, rich, poor, doctor, lawyer, business man or preacher is a player striving to reach the goal and gain the crown.

The crown signifies accomplishment. The winner of the Greek-race was crowned with a garland. Not only does the crown signify accomplishment but successful accomplishment. It signifies winning the race fairly and according to the rules of the game. It is the heavenly reward for earthly ministering to others and conquering sin in one's own life.

We can win the race and receive the crown by seeking and doing God's will. The Apostle Paul said, "We are fools for Christ's sake, but we are wise in Christ." We can succeed by following the examples of great men.

One of the elements of strength which Christ gave to Paul was the power to grapple with life. Witness again one of the distressing experiences facing our first chaplain, Paul, on his voyage to Rome. For fourteen days and nights the fierce storm raged and the boat on which he was a prisoner was tossed with the wind. Every man on board, except one, had lost hope. Paul held his strong faith. Here he demonstrated his strength that made him able for anything as he stood up and said, "Sirs, be of good cheer, for I believe God."

Purpose includes a plan, a desire, a compulsion. Some doctors, ministers, and others declare that they have a burning purpose to serve others, but if there is no definition of this service in their minds, then there is no purpose but only desire. When a hungry animal wants food he seeks a way to get it. Purpose is born from a feeling, not force.

It organizes man's mind. In the classification of purposes the highest order is the master purpose. It is the all-inclusive aim and is large enough to envelop a person's entire mind. Strive to have a master purpose. You may possess faith, hope and charity and purity of heart, but if you do not possess a purpose, your race will be in vain. Carlyle said, "The man without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder; a waif, a nothing, a no-man. Have a purpose in life, if it is only to kill and divide and sell oxen, well; but have a purpose."

"So run, that you may obtain." I Cor. 9:24.

CHAPLAIN JOSEPH A. TALLEY.

Divine Services

Protestant: Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, J. A. Talley, A. T. L. Armstrong, W. F. Summers. Sunday— Morning Service 1000 Communion Service 1100 Evening Vespers 1930 Weekday— Morning Devotions 0730 Vesper Service 1600 Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800. Choir—Tuesday & Thursday, 1400-1500.	L. D. S. (Mormon): Services 1930 Thursday.
Catholic: Chaplains—B. L. Barry, R. F. Redman. Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130. Saturday Mass—0630 and 1630. Weekday Mass—1630. Confessions before all Masses. Novena and Benediction, 1830 Tuesday.	Jewish: Divine Service—2000 Friday, conducted by Mr. Bernard Miran. The Field Representative of the Na- tional Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has of- fice hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1900 to 2000 on Fridays.
	Christian Science: Wartime minister will be at the recep- tion office in the Chapel every Tues- day at 1400 to 1600.

Our Doctor

With the departure 2 February of Oak Knoll's chief of medicine, the compound will lose one of its busiest and most popular senior officers, Cmdr. Dwight L. Wilbur, distinguished member of a singular California family.



Cmdr. Dwight L. Wilbur (MC), USNR

Dr. Wilbur joined the Navy in November, 1942, coming directly to this station after his indoctrination training. His special field of the medical profession is internal medicine, which consists of the diagnosis and treatment of organic ailments. It is the department of medicine that deals with diseases that cannot be treated surgically; "It is the 'physician' part of physician and surgeon," states the commander.

Before joining the Navy, Dr. Wilbur gained wide experience in this field. After two years of medical school at Stanford, he went East to attend the University of Pennsylvania and to receive his M. D. degree. After serving his internship at the Philadelphia Hospital, he went to the Mayo Clinic to specialize in internal medicine.

From 1928 until 1937, Dr. Wilbur held a position on the staff of this clinic, in Rochester, Minn., and acted in the capacity of consulting physician. Leaving there in the latter part of 1937, he returned to San Francisco and became a member of the staff at Stanford Medical School. Here he held the title, "Associate Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine."

As a member of Oak Knoll's Tumor Board, Dr. Wilbur works with the chiefs of other services in coordinating diagnosis and findings of certain internal disorders of hospitalized patients. He is also the chairman of the Library Committee.

Whispers from car parked too near main gate: "I'll give you a fur muff for a kiss, a fur neckpiece for a hug, a fur coat for—"

"Stop! . . . that's fur enough."

Oak Leaf Health Symposium

Beginning next week, the Oak Leaf will sponsor a public health symposium, a series of articles on problems of public health. These articles will be authored by staff doctors and will be addressed to the hospital laity.

"Diet" is the subject of the first of the series. This will be the work of Cmdr. Dwight L. Wilbur (MC) USNR, Chief of Medicine here.

The attention of all hands is directed to this new feature which holds promise of being both interesting and instructional.

One-Man Show by USO Wins the Boys' Firm K. O.

A one-man U.S.O. show is not only possible but, as proved by Al Goodheart, really something to see and behold. Mr. Goodheart, noted song writer, entertained on the wards last week through the courtesy of Oak Knoll's Welfare and Recreation Department and American Red Cross chapter.

Mr. Goodheart is now in his third year of playing to service men in Army and Navy hospitals in the United States and overseas, and he genuinely gives forth a fine brand of formal and informal entertainment.

His routine is based on a humorously reminiscent review, in which he plays his own songs. Among these are the popular "Johnny Doughboy," "Auf Wiedersehen, My Dear," and "Some Day We'll Meet Again." In addition he delves into his latest entertaining hobby, card tricks, and employs a touch of mental telepathy that succeeds in baffling even the most stoic audiences. Evidence of this successful ability shows convincingly in the faces of his pleased audiences.

Writer Goodheart has a genuine affection for service men who are hospitalized, as evidenced by the fact that he gave excellent performances at Oak Knoll despite an injured foot which, as he laughingly puts it, was incurred "in the line of duty." In saying this he refers to a heavy piano he helped move during one of his performances.

Officers Reporting:

Lt. Cmdr. John J. Grabow, Jr. (MC), USNR; Captain Clyde L. Boyarth (MC), USN; Lt. Raymond N. Olson (MC), USN; Lt. (jg) Edmund M. Collins (MC), USNR; Captain Alton C. Abernathy (MC), USN; Lt. (jg) James L. Dennis (MC), USNR; Ensign John F. May (HC), USN.

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Cmdr. Paul M. Ellwood (MC), USNR; Cmdr. Albert L. Brown (MC), USNR; Captain Albert M. Snell (MC), USNR; Lt. John C. Payne D(S), USNR; Cmdr. Edwin M. Taylor (MC), USNR; Lt. Cmdr. James A. Barr (MC), USNR; Lt. Cmdr. William E. Harris (MC), USNR; Lt. Cmdr. Henry W. Newman (MC), USNR; Lt. Daryl E. DeBell (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Shepard Kreck, Jr. (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Herbert V. Davis (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Perry Futterman (MC), USNR; Pharm. Lloyd E. Goffe (HC), USN; Cmdr. John E. Mulson (MC), USNR; Lt. Harold S. Critchlow D-V(S), USNR; Lt. Dale B. Watkins (MC), USN; Lt. (jg) William H. Freeman (MC), USNR.

Wow! Yule Gifts Are Still Arriving

Coming as a belated Christmas present, a swarm of little yellow cans containing a delicious peanut-brittle confection appeared as if by magic on the unruffled calm of Oak Knoll earlier this week. The unexpected gifts came from a large storehouse representing donations from the Veterans Hospitals' Christmas Committee that could not be distributed over the holidays.

A case containing two dozen cans was issued to every ward and department on the compound. Both patients and staff could be seen chewing the engaging substance in their spare time for days afterward. Due to crowded schedules and overwork, Welfare and Recreation was unable to give their attention to the candy until now.

Navy Moms' First 1946 Dance Set For 21 Jan.

The Oakland Navy Mothers' Club will hold their first dance of 1946 season at Oak Knoll 21 January. Girls, refreshments and the orchestra will be supplied by the mothers.

At the Bluejackets' Haven in Oakland, the biggest activity of the month will be the appearance at the breakfast table of Jane Lee, of the Woman's Magazine of the Air. She will make a special broadcast from the Haven. Anyone interested in this is urged to secure tickets immediately, as there are a limited number.

At Notre Dame, Gobs Pocket \$100 for Saluting

(SEA)—The Navy tradition that the first enlisted man who salutes a brand new officer receives a dollar from him has proved profitable for nine seamen at the officer training school at Notre Dame.

Recently when the Navy commissioned 950 ensigns there the nine enlisted men lined up outside the hall. They departed later with tired arms but \$100 each.

Welcome Aboard, Shipmates

From the U. S. Naval Hospital Corps School at San Diego came 12 newly graduated corpsmen last week.

Welcome aboard and smooth sailing to the following new hands who arrived in this most recent draft:

Herschel Lee Allen, Dale Charles Anderson, James Charley Black, Briant Beryl Bruch, Robert E. Johnson, Gregory Gaines Kergosien, John Joseph Manion, John Williams McCabe, Nelson Harrell Meyer, Lee Clarke Neumeyer, James Edward Laino, Paul George Ware.

LT. (jg) J. A. CONLOW, Staff Personnel Officer.

Bill Gross Big Power In the Power House

Although he is resting in the picture below, he usually stands with one hand on the master switch that keeps the lights on all over Oak Knoll. His other hand is



Mr. William Gross

most likely guiding the steam valves that keep the wards in hot water. Truly, a man with both hands full is William Gross, engineer in charge of the power house, conscientious performer of duties that result in the hospital being efficiently supplied with two all-important utilities.

In command of the power house since the commissioning of the hospital three and one half years ago, Mr. Gross has had a tough job keeping pace with Oak Knoll's increasing size without getting his own wires crossed. Still he has done his job with a calm thoroughness. In addition to power house assignments, he supervises the steam system that supplies the heat and hot water to the entire compound. Considering that the laundry is only one of these buildings gives a fair idea of the immensity of his tasks.

Because of the demanding nature of his work, an emergency may arise any moment, Mr. Gross makes his temporary home on the hospital grounds.

In order to efficiently maintain service twenty-four hours a day, three shifts of three men are employed to keep things running smoothly. A failure in power would mean a state of general emergency because the substitute system of dry cells would not produce the necessary current to maintain maximum care and treatment to patients in many departments for an appreciable length of time.

Mr. Gross was employed by the Veterans' Administration before he came to the hospital. Engaged in the capacity of assistant engineer and fireman, he spent time in Tennessee, Utah and California.

Mr. Gross expects to retire from active civil service in three or four years.

Disabled Veterans of Last War Provide Free Haircuts For Patients of This War Unable to Trek to Barbers

A satisfying and gratifying answer to the tonsorial call of Oak Knoll patients who are unable to travel to the barber shop is generously provided by the Oakland Post of the Disabled Veterans of World War I.

Under the guidance of their commander, Vincent Hughes, who recruited this group over three years ago, the volunteers are still bringing their appreciated services to this hospital.

Scheduled time for the barber's regular arrival is the first Sunday of each month. Some of the men come out by themselves every third Sunday, too. This is to accommodate patients whose hair mushrooms to the extent that it becomes uncomfortable.

The barbers perform this work entirely on their own time. Services are offered free of charge; there is no cost to the patient whatsoever.

Service Began With Hospital

The services started during the hospital's first month, in July of 1942. Mr. Hughes, a sincere, patriotic veteran knew full well the extra comfort and higher morale that a well-groomed appearance could lend to patients here. He lost no time in reaching a decision about what his above-the-line-of-duty contribution to wounded men would be. Not a barber himself, he interested members of his Veteran's organization who were members of the trade in placing the idea before their unions. Most graciously, the Contra Costa and Alameda counties locals expressed their favor for the scheme and agreed to participate. Since then, the group have been faithful in their attendance here and they have also found time to provide other East Bay military hospitals with the benefits of their visits.

Vets of Both Wars Participate

Many of these men are veterans of the last war and there are three or four that have joined the ranks from World War II. The barbers estimate that they clip from twenty to thirty thousand



Representing the city of Berkeley in the monthly tonsorial conclave are, left to right, top row: Barbers E. R. Carlson, Paul Evens, Lee Terrell, Al Riggs, and George Becker; bottom row: Ceasere Grosso, W. S. Thozza, F. W. Miller, Jack Vickers, Ray Hoggatt, William La Main, A. Arata, and Joe Elliott. Kneeling in front is C. A. Silva, secretary-treasurer of the Barbers' Union, Local 134, Alameda County.

domes per year at Oak Knoll. At least forty men are in each visiting group that calls monthly. Ward nurses collect a list of names of their patients desiring haircuts at the first of the month. This list is turned over to the Officer of the Day before the barbers' scheduled arrival. Then the volunteer barbers are detailed out in specific groups in order to cover every ward on the compound.

Barbers Are From Bay Area

The group represents barbers from Richmond, Albany, Berkeley and Oakland. Representing the barbers' unions are Hugh Caudel of Local 508, Contra Costa County, and C. A. Silva of Local 134, Alameda County. Both representatives are secretary-treasurers of their unions.

To these men who have contributed so generously to the welfare of patients here, is extended

the gratification of all hands at Oak Knoll.



Almost rating a hashmark for regular veteran service as an Oak Knoll volunteer hairclipper is P. E. Shaner of Oakland. Here he deftly trims the head of BM2c M. Maplu of Ward 42B as Ens. Muriel Rose looks on.

(Note: Patients are advised that the volunteer group mentioned above and the hospital's own ship service barbers are the only bona fide specialists permitted to cut hair on the wards. Charlatans who gain admission to the hospital under false pretenses, and then proceed to cut patients' hair at exorbitant prices, should be reported to the Provost Marshal. This is added for your own protection.)

Red Cross Word on Life on the Wards

On Ward 49A, S1c Charles Walker of Mississippi, the ward's oldest inhabitant—as of 22 December—joined his mates in declaring the universal desire to get an airplane, boxcar, cattletcar, bicycle, scooter or roller skates out of sunny California.

A bright spot for S2c Howard H. Martin on Ward 47A was his reunion with his cousin, George Cumming. Cumming, now stationed at Shoemaker, had to get clear back to his home in Salt Lake to find out that Martin was only a few miles from his own base here.

SC3c A. B. Wilson, also of Ward 47A, wiles away dreary days with craft work. Already he proudly displays a number of brightly-colored yarn purses. He made these under the supervision of the Red Cross at Pearl Harbor. Asked what he planned to do with so many purses, he states, "Give them to my girl friends—I love everybody." Obviously, a pushover.

Navy Mothers Club Hold Installation of Officers

The ceremony for the installation of 1946 officers of the Oakland Navy Mothers' Club was held Wednesday, January 9, in the Blue Room of the Madison Street Temple, it was announced by Mrs. Dorothy Sandberg, Senior Past Commander.

Each mother going into office was escorted by her son or daughter in the service, and three Navy men from Treasure Island formed the color guard. The installation was open to the public.

Officers installed are: Clytie Serley, Commander; Gladys Hennings, First Vice Commander; Alice Pinson, Second Vice Commander; Elsie Spamer, Adjutant; Kathleen Cunningham, Assistant Adjutant; Gladys Bobbitt, Finance Officer; Marian Jones, Chaplain; Ida Clark, Judge Advocate; Elsie Block and Margaret Ingham, Matrons-at-Arms; Inez Peterson, Color Bearer.

Movie Schedule

First Show, 1715 - Second Show, 1930
 Saturday, 12 Jan., Malsie Goes to Reno, Ann Sothern and John Hodiak.
 Sunday, 13 Jan., Cornered, Dick Powell and Micheline Cheirel.
 Monday, 14 Jan., Arsenic and Old Lace, Cary Grant and Raymond Massey.
 Tuesday, 15 Jan., Leave Her to Heaven, Gene Tierney and Cornel Wilde.
 Wednesday, 16 Jan., Club Havana, Tom Neal and Margaret Lindsay.
 Thursday, 17 Jan., Girl on the Spot, Jess Barker and Lois Collier.
 Friday, 18 Jan., Blithe Spirit, Rex Harrison and Constance Cummings.



Shown above are representatives of Albany (left) and Oakland among the barbers. From Albany, left to right: J. E. Moore, C. E. Ramey, Howard A. Wright, Guy Rosenlof, and Joe Radmilovic. The Oaklanders, bottom row: P. E. Shaner and Sam Napoletano; top row: D. McClean, L. B. Glasgow, and Frank Pheon.



"My girl friend and I," the PhM2c told his pals, "had a swell time last night for a dime. I wonder how her brother spent it."

Saturday, 12 January, 1946

To buy..sell..rent..

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For Sale . . .

Motorcycle; 1942 Harley-Davidson 74 overhead. Inquire, Sgt. Bratten, Ward 41B.

Lost . . .

Diamond ring; solitaire. Lost in vicinity of Main Gate. Reward offered. Contact Miss Ozelle Williams, 65A—Bldg. 29.

Class ring of 1945 with initials I.E.M. inside. Contact Lavender, Surgery 2. Reward.

I. D. Bracelet; silver. Property of Lorena J. Bugely. Finder call Ext. 162, Wave Barracks. (Port No. 2).

Found . . .

One ring of keys containing nine keys, on library porch. Loser report to the library.

Point Scores Down

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(except SK(CB) stevedores) will be 40 on 2 March.

Bakers, on 2 March, will be reduced to 37.

Naval aviators, above rank of ensign, in duty involving flying, now 30, will be reduced to 29 on 15 January, to 28 on 2 February, to 27 on 15 February, and to 26 on 2 March.

Naval aviators, in rank of ensign, in duty involving flying, will remain unchanged at 20 through 2 March.

Female yeomen, specialists (C) classification, and storekeepers: on 2 March, reduced to 25 points.

Sailor: What shape is a kiss?

Wave: I don't know.

Sailor: Well, give me one and we'll call it square.

'The stork is a humorous bird—always kidding.

PhM1c: "Jack was held up last night by two men."

PhM2c: "Where?"

PhM1c: "All the way back to the base."

Wave Sister Replaces Ditto in Physio



Assigned to replace her soon-to-be-discharged sister, Katherine, (left) is Leona Steinike, new CorpsWave arrival in Physio Therapy.

Assigned to duty at Oak Knoll, HA 1/c Leona Steinike found herself replacing her sister PhM 3/c Katherine, for discharge. What's more, Lee found herself working in the physio-therapy department where Kay has held forth for the past eight months.

Kay, who leaves for Balboa Park next month, enlisted in the Waves in 1943, and left for boot training at Hunter College, New York, in October of that year. She was sent to this compound to take her hospital corps instruction, at the completion of which she was assigned to ward duty.

After a month on the wards, Kay was sent up to the old Wave Barracks, Building 35, to do MAA work, an assignment she managed capably for ten months. Next duty

was to the medical library in the Administration Building annex for a couple of months, and then to her present post in the physio-therapy department.

After completion of eight weeks' corps school on the Hunter compound, Sister Lee requested assignment to Oak Knoll, to be with her sister. Reporting here on the 23rd of December, she found herself bunking with Kay. Then, to her surprise, upon reporting to staff personnel for placement, she was sent to the physio department, where she is now receiving instruction in the art of massage.

The girls' home is in Colorado, at Cheyenne Wells. Kay plans to return there upon discharge and just rest at home with the family.

Off the Bookshelf

Novels of Scientific Speculation and Fantasy in the Library

Balmer: *When Worlds Collide*. The building of a space ship, the earth's destruction and a journey to a smaller planet make an exciting story.

Balmer: *After Worlds Collide*. A sequel to the above telling of life on another planet.

Novels of Science (Viking Portable Library). Four novels of pseudo-science by the masters of this craft.

Sloane: *Edge of Running Water*. A brilliant physicist and a mysterious woman experiment with the occult in an old Maine farmhouse.

Haggard: *Ayshea*. The career of a beautiful enchantress after her reincarnation.

Fisher: *Golden Rooms*. A picture of prehistoric days and ways.

Cabell: *Jurgen*. A brilliant satire in which a poet and pawnbroker meets a centaur who helps him relive a year of his youth.

Davis: *Sullivan*. The amusing adventures of an American who suddenly, in a Mexican tavern, felt he could float in the air.

Hudson: *Green Mansions*. A young man traveling in the Andes falls in love with a mysterious being, part woman and part bird.

Stephens: *Crock of Gold*. A fantasia of men, gods and fairies in Ireland and of the wisdom of not being too wise.

Benefield: *Eddie and the Archangel Mike*. A tale of love and the archangel Michael who is always at hand when needed.

Pratt: *Mr. Limpet*. Relates how a meek bookkeeper becomes a fish and aids the Navy in the Battle of the Atlantic.

Watkin: *On Borrowed Time*. Death is a tree in an apple orchard in this book which mixes fantasy with the realism of small town pettiness.

Gilligan: *Strangers in the Bly*. A legendary story of three dwarfs who flee to the Rip Van Winkle country to hide themselves.

Goudge: *Blue Hills*. A strange magic leads Hugh's birthday guests into a lovely, mysterious world where each finds a wish.

Thurber: *The White Deer*. A fable for today filled with enchantment and illustrated by the author.



Tooth Loss is Patients' Gain, Clinic Acts--No Pain, No Strain

A short, pleasant-looking young man greets you as you enter the room. Yet you shrink from his smiling gaze. Your tongue turns to floss and your palms moisten. Your breath comes short and you stammer and nervously bungle a short

Such are the typical emotional reactions of a patient as he is prepared for a bit of painless work on his teeth in Oak Knoll's ultra-modern dental clinic. Here, 17 dentists and 56 corpsmen and corps-WAVES work in the pleasant atmosphere of the spacious clinic, keeping the teeth of both patients and staff in top flight condition.

Under the guidance of Captain George H. Mills, Chief of Dental Service, the department is equipped to render any dental service from the grinding down of a chipped tooth to the replacement of an entire set of ivories. Boasting its own lab, X-ray department and a prosthetics division second to none, the clinic also has what is probably the fastest dental service in the world at present, patients having to wait only about a week for their appointments.

When a patient enters the clinic with tooth repair in mind, he is put through a time-saving routine that diagnoses his trouble and sends him to the proper dentist for the work. Cmdr. Vernon S. Robinson examines each patient as he receives an appointment, takes necessary X-rays and then schedules the work. The front office then assigns the patient to a dentist. Then the patient sweats it out.

All oral surgery, extractions, jaw fractures, and the like, are under the scope of Cmdr. William E. Walston. Many accident victims and emergency surgery cases are handled in this unit.

About half of the work done by the clinic staff is concerned with



Capt. George H. Mills (DC), USN

conversation about the weather. At the pleasant fellow's behest you sit in the big chair in the middle of the room, but you aren't relaxed. You watch distractedly while he washes his hands and you twitch occasionally. An ugh-h feeling grips you in the pit of the stomach as he prepares the long needle. As he turns to you, your hands squeeze the arms of the chair and the knuckles stand out white under the strain. You shake with despair as he prepares the spot where the needle will enter and you remain petrified as he slowly shoves it home. When it is done, you sink back, your gums relaxed, as the pain-killer begins its job.



PhM3c Homer Hauptman plots an appointment for S2c John Jandaclea of Ward 45B, as staff member S1c Kenneth Henry awaits his turn in the front office of the dental clinic. PhM3c E. L. Nameth schedules work over the phone in the background.



Cmdr. William E. Walston is prevailing upon Ens. R. Mason (NNC) to "Open Wide" as the dentist prepares to extract an ailing molar. Scene is the modern oral surgery of the dental clinic. Dental Technician PhM3c E. V. Milkovich stands by to assist.

fillings, for which the Navy specifies the use of silver dental amalgam. Gold is only used by the Navy for delicate bridges and prosthesis because of the time-consuming work it involves.

Dental Tech School Featured

One of the features of the clinic is the dental technicians' school, where hospital corpsmen are trained to assist in all the different dental operations. Classes are held one hour a day for ten weeks. The rest of the time is devoted to practical application of the theory. Students spend a week in each unit to pick up the broad experience needed to cover every branch of dentistry.

Cmdr. Harold G. Davies, in charge of the prosthetics department, developed the system of ocular prosthesis, of which the clinic is justifiably proud. Ocular prosthesis is the manufacture of artificial eyes, and poses several problems, the principal one being the matching of colors between the good eye and the artificial one. Cmdr. Mack L. Parker is at present in charge of this work.

Other dental officers under the department chiefs are: Lieut. Harvey J. Cole, Lieut. Dennis J. Mc-

Sweeney, Lieut. Robert A. Wright, Lieut. Edward L. Hughes, Lt. (jg) DeOrr Cooley, Lt. (jg) Edward F. Krikscion, Lt. (jg) Thomas H. Baumann, Lt. (jg) Howard L. O'Dell, Lt. (jg) John F. McLean, Lt. (jg) Robert L. Paine, Lt. (jg) Everett M. Stage, and Lt. (jg) Byron G. Douglas.

Novacaine is used in almost all work done in the clinic. In the words of the dentists themselves, "We practice nothing but painless dentistry here. We never feel anything."

Returning to his ship one evening, a two-star admiral could not produce his identification, and the boot guard refused to let him pass. Exasperated, the admiral leaned forward, pointed to the stars on his shoulder, and bellowed, "Do you know what these mean?" "Sure," popped the boot, "you have two sons in the service."

Mother: "Pa, Charlie's been a bad boy today. I wish you'd say something to him."

Father: "How ya, Charlie."

There is the tale of two bees who got married and got a bumble from heaven.

Knollers Scan Grid Tangle at Shrine's East-West Classic



Oak Knoll staff and patients watch as top flight collegiate pigskin players struggle toward their opposite goals in the traditional Shrine East-West New Year's tussle. The game, a benefit performance featuring the year's limelight gridsters from all over the country, ended in a tie. Each team made one tally, complete with conversion. The score: 7 to 7. In the inset an enthusiastic Shriner decked out in ceremonial white trousers and fez rides in the vanguard of the half-time parade.

Disbursing Office Notice TO RATIONS ONLY PATIENTS

Navy patients who are at this hospital for rations only are usually paid within two days after their arrival. Amounts due are posted on Navy money list on ramp at rear of Administration Building. Payments are usually made at 1300, so patients should check the money list each morning until their name appears.

"Is that you, John?" shrieked she at a quarter after three. "It is," said he, "and it had better be."

"I seem to have run out of gas," he said softly.

The Wave's face, small and white, was turned up to his, her eyes glowing dizzily from beneath heavy lids. Her head swam.

Slowly and confidently, he bent over her.

Why not? He was her dentist.

SPORTS

Waves Conquer and Nurses Fall in Separate Cage Battles; Males Win

The Oak Knoll all-girl basketball division came out on top in two contests last week to put at least one of the teams in a likely place for the number one spot in the tourney. The Wave tornado in the Blue League of the Bay Area division rolled over the San Leandro entries 34-10, leaving themselves tied for first place with the Oakland Barracks. With very few games left to play, the girls are confident of an easy winning of the league pennant. The nurses, struggling for supremacy in the Red League, took a game away from Shoemaker by default.

The male casaba varsity, coming out of their holiday hibernation,

took enough time off from league play to wrest a practice tilt from Maxwell Park, an Oakland Mormon group. The churchgoers proved pretty stiff competition for the Knollers, maintaining a dangerous lead until the last three minutes of play, when a fast offensive clicked and the hospital squad found themselves in possession of the game, 36-33.

One of the highlights of the game was the defensive play of Guard Gilberg, who held the star forward of the opponents to meagre gains. High point honors go to Jones with 12. Gilberg and Shaffer distinguished themselves with seven points each for the runner-up spot.

Christmas Souvenir Programs

There are a few remaining copies of the hospital's Christmas souvenir program, suitable for mailing home, which patient or staff personnel are invited to obtain by calling at the Oak Leaf office, second deck, rear annex, main Administration Bldg.

She: "Know what a WAC is?" He: "Yep!"

She: "Know what a WAVE is?" He: "Yep!"

She: "Know what a WOCK is?" He: "No, what's a WOCK?"

She: "This'll enbalm you—a WOCK is what you fwo at wab-bits!"

HA1c: "Do you like the intellectual type of girl?"

HA2c: "No, but I do like a girl with a good head on my shoulder."

Pleasant Point Accumulators



These disarming young charmers are wife Beth and daughter Sheila, 3, and ten luscious points by coincidence to MoMM3c Grant Harris, Ward 74A patient. The ten points are by coincidence of the ALNAV, of course. Funny thing, too, but those ten points plus the twenty-five he earned by himself between here and Okinawa are just exactly what Grant needs to return to his Idaho farm in three days—providing his hospitalization here is completed. Grant admits that he doesn't like the idea of being so mercenary about this point system, but as the porcupine said after the street car almost ran over his tail, "Ten points saved now keeps my end nearer and nearer."

(Staff and patient husbands are invited to submit pictures of their own wives, daughters and sons to the Oak Leaf for publication.)

Her Smile is Your Receipt



Mrs. Veda Clarkson

Ship's Service With A Smile

If you're at Oak Knoll and you smoke, you know Mrs. Veda Clarkson. If you're at Oak Knoll and you don't smoke, it's worth forming the habit just to meet her.

For over a year and a half, Mrs. Clarkson has been dispensing cigarettes, cigars and candy bars—and pulp—to thousands of the hospital populace. This dispensing is always done with a therapeutic smile that has won her the favor of all who call at her counter. It has also won her approximately a million wolf calls. She discourages these, she says, by giving the boys "a bad time." But her "bad time" is the patients' idea of a good time—and they come back for more.

INSURANCE NOTICE

1. If you have been on the sick list for six (6) continuous months or longer, you are entitled to the return of your insurance premiums. (That is, those premiums which you paid while you were sick.)
2. Or, if you are a former Prisoner of War, you may have certain rights as far as your insurance is concerned, which you might not otherwise have.
3. If either applies to you, it is recommended that you contact the insurance office, located on the third floor of the Post Office Building.

The newly-married HA2c and his bride stepped into the elevator at the Claremont (as married couples do, too) and the pretty young elevator operator turned to the corpsman and murmured, "Hello, darling." There was a chilly silence all the way up. But when they reached their floor the bride exploded, "Who was that hussy?" "Now don't you start anything," begged the groom. "I'm going to have enough trouble explaining you to her tomorrow."

From Calif. farm. First pig: "Have you seen your boy friend lately?"

Second pig: "No, but I had a litter from him last week."

A bachelor is a guy who didn't have a car when he was in the Navy.

Also helping her tend the tobaccos are her two sisters, Mrs. Stella Thompson and Mrs. Marie Trowe, making family triplets in the service of Oak Knoll.

Scuttlebutt Who's Who

With little qualification, and for practically no reason at all, Vanity Fair's shadowy scuttlebutt reporters offer this enemy-making contribution to the week's paper.

So, with a quick swallow of our babbling tongue, we hasten to suggest this Blue Book compilation of blueblood bluejackets. They are in the compound's social eye like a cinder. They are the outstanding white braid of the enlisted Mayfair.

To either sex, it could well serve as a potential date list (married folk excepted, of course). To the ridiculous whom we mention, the list is sublime. To the sublime, whom we do not mention, the list will appear ridiculous.

To the impartial, it will appear to be exactly what it is—a Who's Who.

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| Robert Agnew | Doris March |
| Roy Anderson | Dotty Matesich |
| George Berthiaume | Marilyn Masson |
| Bill Blanc | Frank McAnnally |
| Ken Blodgett | Mary McDermott |
| Thelma Boskins | Hudson Mead |
| Rose Bybee | Jim Mehl |
| Lamar Carpenter | Dorothy Mitchell |
| Daniel Checki | George Mitchell |
| Roland Christopher | Kay Montandon |
| John Concannon | Ella Lee Nameth |
| Charles Coy | Connie Neville |
| Howard Creed | Eric O-Riley |
| Chuck Crowell | Doris Ott |
| Elbert Dixon | Jim Pappas |
| Lester Fendorf | Dud Payne |
| Bill Gardner | Ace Peting |
| Lenore Gates | Bob Quinlan |
| Leo Giacomini | Johnny Rader |
| Richard Gibbons | Jean Rosenthal |
| Charles Grantham | Al Schlesinger |
| Leonard Green | Robert Scott |
| John Hardgrave | Denny Smith |
| Joyce Hartley | Robert Stabley |
| Homer Hauptman | Don Stamm |
| Marshall Holt | Frank Stanley |
| Jack Huddleston | Martha Stein |
| Elaine Hull | Jimmy Stephens |
| Mary Ireland | Jess Strange |
| Ronnie Johnson | J. E. Tomme |
| R. A. Jones | Thos. Valinotti |
| John Kepfert | Harold Vanremortel |
| Pat Kirkpatrick | Richard Welch |
| Dale Klein | Sara Winkler |
| Bobby D. Lewis | Charles Wheatley |
| George Lindahl | Bill Zatezelo |
- "Who are these people?" Why, they're . . . uh . . . uh . . . friends . . . of . . . the . . . editors. . . ."

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Daffynition: Ship's Service, a G store that is out of gum, Kleenex and film—and closed for inventory.

Oakland parlor date: "Shall I leave the dim lights on, dear?" Smooth corpsman, "Naw, turn the dim things out."

Wave: "I'll stand on my head or bust."

PhysEd Instructor: "Just stand on your head. We don't expect too much."

Constable: "Hey, Miss, no swimmin' in the lake."

Fair Young Bather: "Why didn't you tell me before I undressed?"

Constable: "There ain't no law agin undressin'."

MOIPHY

By Penberthy



"CUTE, ISN'T SHE—I PICKED HER UP AT FISHERMAN'S WHARF"



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Saturday, 19 January, 1946

New Exec. Comes Aboard; C.O. Welcomes Capt. Robins

Capt. A. H. Dearing (MC) USN, medical officer in command, welcomed aboard this week the hospital's new executive officer, fit and friendly Capt. Harvey E. Robins (MC) USN, who comes here from the Naval hospital at Shoemaker. Capt. Robins succeeds Capt. William R. Manlove (MC) USN, who has transferred to the Naval hospital at Memphis.

Careers of Oak Knoll's top four-strippers have met before when Capt. Dearing was chief of surgery at the Naval hospital at Annapolis and Capt. Robins, an EENT specialist, was member of the board of medical examiners for midshipmen at the Naval Academy.

Capt. Robins freely expressed his pleasure to be assigned to Oak Knoll. He remarked that he is very favorably impressed with the appearance of the station. He also presented a friendly offer to hospital personnel to feel free to call upon him personally, if such personnel believe that he can be of assistance to them.

Oak Knoll's new executive officer entered the Naval service after graduation from the medical school of the University of Cincinnati in 1924. His pre-medical instruction was received at the University of Pennsylvania.

Capt. Robins served overseas twice in the recent war. In his first assignment he was chief of EENT and executive officer of Mobile Hospital Unit No. 1 in Bermuda. This was during 1941 and 1942. On his second tour of duty, from which he returned last October, he was stationed for eighteen months at Base Hospital No. 15 located in the Admiralty Islands. This base hospital was a two thousand-bed complete medical facility which he helped form here and establish overseas, after assignment to Cub 12 as senior medical officer and transfer to Lion 4.

In the period between his overseas war positions he assisted in the supervision of the construction of the Naval hospital at Norman, Okla., and later became executive officer there.

Highlights of the extensive professional and administrative career of Capt. Robins before the war include stateside duties at Great

Lakes, the Naval Medical School and Naval hospital at Washington, D. C., the Naval Academy at Annapolis and the Naval hospital at Parris Island.

Overseas he served at Naval hospitals on Guam and in the Virgin Islands. In China he served aboard the USS Monocacy on Yangtze River patrol. He was also with the Fourth Marine Regiment at Shanghai. Among some of the noteworthy ships on which he has served as medical officer are the USS Palos and the USS Harry E. Lee.

Capt. Robins, his wife, and their son Harvey, Jr., 12, will make their home here. To them go the greetings and felicitations of all hands, and the hope for a successful and happy cruise aboard Oak Knoll.

'Breezing Along' Breezes Into Oak Knoll Thursday

"Breezing Along," another red-hot laugh-packed USO variety revue, is slated to hit the compound in full force Thursday 24 January. Featuring many new and sparkling musical acts fresh from the footlights of the world, the show will be emcee'd by two veteran comics of Broadway fame, Coyle and Denison.

Since handing laughs to audiences of "Star and Garter," early-forties Gypsy Rose Lee musical hit, this pair has been trouping the USO circuits with various units. They will introduce the parade of top-flight talented performers.

Leading the headline cast will be accordionist Sue Hamilton, light-fingered virtuoso of the stomach Steinway. Closely following this act, Al Tucker will entertain with his comedy violin act. Wringing laughs from the crowd via his fiddle, supplemented with a fast line of patter, is his specialty.

Another among the host of stars is William Cohen, past master of the keyboard. Arline Russell will bring her fast tap dancing fantasy to the stage and the end of the show will feature songs by thrush Belita Lee.

Iturbi Tomorrow —So Help Us!

After last week's unavoidable eleventh-hour cancellation of his performance here, the "Oak Leaf" is pleased to graft itself firmly to the limb and say definitely that Mr. Jose Iturbi will appear tomorrow, Sunday, 20 January.

Site of the recital is the same as previously announced: ship's service auditorium. The time has been changed to 1530.

No reason for the cancellation of last week's concert is available. However, Mr. Iturbi's past efforts in the behalf of service men have been impeccable and it is certain that his failure to fulfill his program here last Sunday was a result of snafu'd booking, rather than a personal renege on the pianist's part.

At his previous engagement here last March, accomplished incidentally without postponement, affable Jose was an instant, enchanting success and scored appreciably with a capacity Oak Knoll audience of classical and popular music lovers.

'March of Dimes' To Form Tuesday

The annual "March of Dimes," for the benefit of infantile paralysis victims, will get under way at Oak Knoll on Tuesday, 22 January, under the direction of Ch. Pharm. Maurice Nye, security officer. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which is conducting the nationwide campaign, was founded by the late Franklin Delano Roosevelt, himself an historic victim of the disease.

The plan for conducting the drive at Oak Knoll will follow the same strategy of previous years. Approximately twenty corpsmen and Waves will be detailed to canvass the hospital. They are expected to complete their solicitations in one day, although money will be accepted by the Security Office until the end of the month. All donations will be turned over to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

The national campaign will end on the birthday of the late president 30 January. Funds collected are used in the treatment of the disease that annually strikes so many. Headquarters for treatment are at the famed Warm Springs, Georgia, clinic established by the late commander-in-chief.

Crash Boat Catapults Drone



(Official Navy Photo; SEA)

On the principle that a few hours on a drone is worth two weeks of any other anti-aircraft practice, the Navy made extensive use of target drones, small pilotless aircraft controlled by radio. They can simulate suicide, dive bomber and torpedo plane attacks. Here a crash boat uses its speed to help a radio-controlled drone off a short catapult.

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● Regarding the Demonstrations Overseas

Writing as one patently catalogued "enlisted personnel," but without an attempt to speak authoritatively for all such personnel here, we submit that most crew members are in firmest sympathy and accord with the homesick demonstrators overseas who are legitimately eligible for discharge.

Perhaps we're getting off the reservation when we enter a discussion on an Army problem. However our attitude is that the Army's problem is the nation's problem, and thus as *yesterday's* and *tomorrow's* citizens we are entitled to free expression *today* within the limits of military decorum.

Frankly our first reaction is one of gratification that there have been no demonstrations among sailors. We doubt if there will be, either. The Navy's demobilization policy is fair and consistent. There has been no reneging.

But to get back to the Army. We feel that the demonstrations are bad for it and the nation as a whole. The Army loses prestige at home, and the nation loses prestige abroad. One simply cannot compromise the heart-rending personal emotion of homesickness with the cold impassionate dicta of a nation's foreign policy. Especially when that homesickness is borne by men who fought for peace *and* for that foreign policy. And more especially when that nation's foreign policy *after peace* is beclouded.

We do not like to see the Army suffer as a result of these men's demonstrations. But the Army, and thus its nation, is suffering. The men are being heard. Their protests are bringing results. The devastating inconstancy of men complaining against their own nation's military in a time of national emergency is a sad commentary on one of two divisions: 1) the men, 2) the military.

That the idle, discharge-eligible men are justified in demanding a speedier and more equitable return, there is no doubt. Hence, a sad commentary on the military.

That the men are so justified in piously demanding a clarification of the darkened foreign policy, there is doubt. Hence, a sad commentary on the men. Why? Because if the men had demonstrated for clarification while they were citizens as intensely as they are demonstrating today, the men *and* the military might have avoided the awful cost of the war.

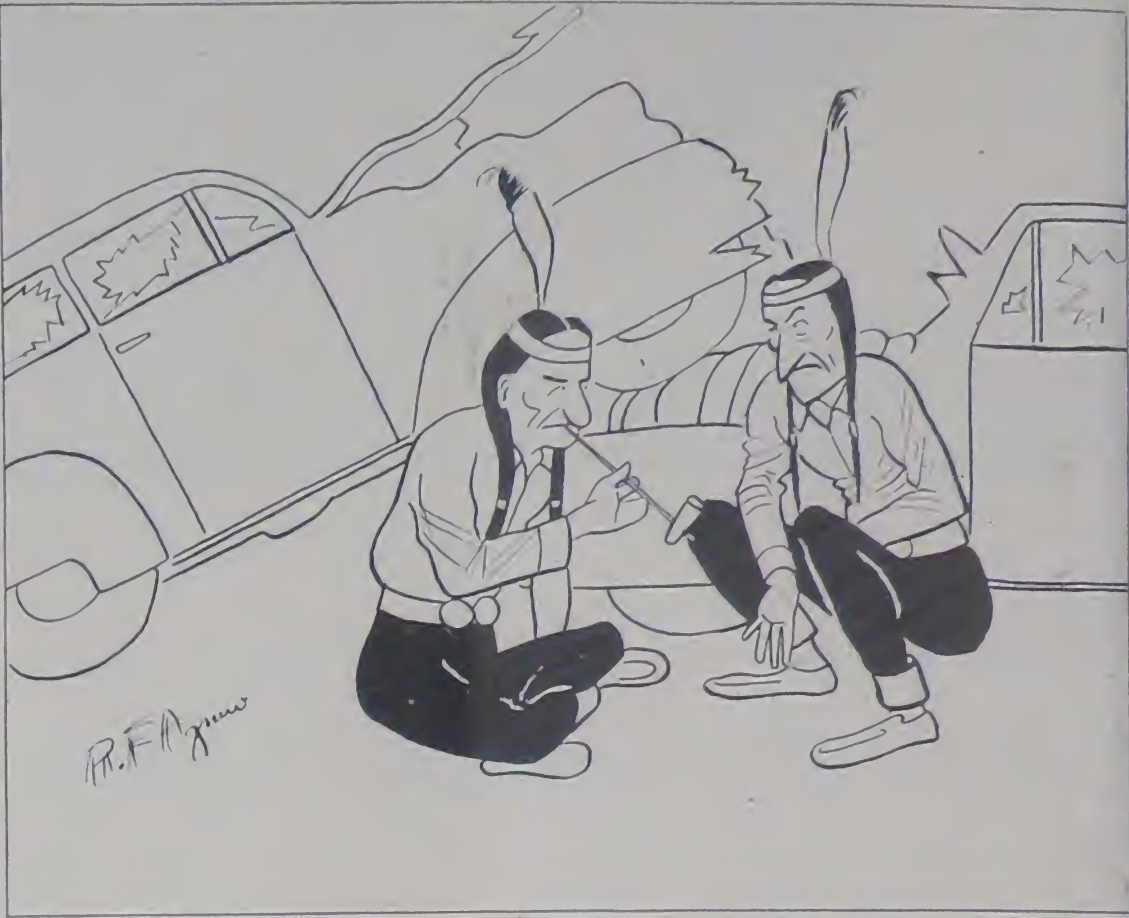
We are glad that the mass actions have remained at what appears to be a high level. We are also glad that when soldiers are moved to demonstration, their demonstration is within the confines of the Articles of War. We further laud the stand of Lt. Gen. Richardson who is permitting without interference this exercise of the traditional American right of free expression. *Ultimately this allowance itself may prove to be the most impressive feature of the demonstrations—to millions at home and abroad.* Yes, General Richardson is most liberal in his interpretations considering, we remind you, that the men are still in the Army.

Above all, we remain in sympathy with the soldier's longing to go home. We don't want him to go home disillusioned, but we'd rather see him go home now that way than not go home till later, when he would come back sadder and wiser. These men must be returned fast because they have the strongest right to return fast. They have fought and suffered. The nation owes them the speediest return. A portion of their number must be retained overseas though, through replacements, to make further suffering and further fighting unnecessary.

The answer to this: the draft.

To the doggies who have proved that their words can be just as effective as their fighting, we say, "Good luck. Get home as fast as you can and, through legislation enacted on the stimulus of protests like those you have voiced overseas, get the law-makers to pass conscription laws that will assure the nation its suitable armed forces."

If the nation is supported by a modern, strong military from now on, there will be no need for fighting, suffering—or protesting—within our lifetime again.



† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

A new chaplain hardly gets his feet under a desk here before someone informs him that it is his turn to hang up a shingle in the Chaplain's Corner.

"Padre, one of the needs of post-war America is tolerance. How about an article on that?" said the editor of my last ship's paper, so here it is.

True tolerance is one of the most difficult of virtues to acquire. The elements of it you learned at home if you had the good fortune to have brothers and sisters. You will remember that the house was not always as peaceful as an old maid's parlor. There were at times violent differences of opinion which ended in going to bed without any supper, in not speaking for days together and in sundry other measures. Yet, vociferous as these differences became, no one ever said that intolerance was a family characteristic. In fact it is so much the contrary that heralds of tolerance have set up brotherhood as the model of human relationship.

Brotherhood acknowledges the right of men to argue but it does not acknowledge the right of brother to impose his mere personal preferences on brother—that would be intolerance. There is a strong tendency in all of us to act for our own gratification rather than for the common good whether it be bounded by the four walls of a home or by the four corners of the map.

Human nature being what it is, clashes are to be expected between brothers and by the same token between members of the brotherhood of man. However, if you and I and the man next door and the pen scratcher who puts his daily column in the paper will confine our force and might to matters of duty we shall see some of the tolerance which is being talked about. For example, I do not like to hear a man say of another group of men: "You have to treat them like animals." That may be his personal preference but it is not his duty, because men are men and not animals.

Tolerance has a much broader application than your attitude toward religion, or capital and labor, or an American-born Japanese truck gardener. Tolerance should rule over every matter of taste, over every matter of opinion, over every field of human endeavor which is not a major threat to public welfare. In these things men should acquiesce for the sake of common peace. You may persuade, exhort, entreat but through it all recognize your brother's highest natural endowment—liberty. Please try, now that you are back in good old Uncle Sugar, to practice that rare and beautiful trait of character—tolerance.

CHAPLAIN CHARLES J. FARRELL.

Divine Services

Protestant: Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, J. A. Talley, A. T. L. Armstrong, W. F. Summers. Sunday— Morning Service 1000 Communion Service 1100 Evening Vespers 1930 Weekday— Morning Devotions 0730 Vesper Service 1600 Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800. Choir—Tuesday & Thursday, 1400-1500. Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.	Catholic: Chaplains—Donald L. Barry, C. J. Farrell. Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130. Saturday Mass—0630 and 1630. Weekday Mass—1630. Confessions before all Masses. Novena and Benediction, 1830 Tuesday. Catholic Chaplain's offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.
Christian Science: Wartime minister will be at the reception office in the Chapel every Tuesday at 1400 to 1600. L. D. S. (Mormon): Services 1930 Thursday.	Jewish: Divine Service—2000 Friday, conducted by Mr. Bernard Miran. The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1900 to 2000 on Fridays.

OAK LEAF PUBLIC HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

FOOD FACTS AND FALLACIES

By DWIGHT L. WILBUR
Comdr. MC(S), U.S.N.R.

The Japanese have a queer idea that when a man is sick he needs only half as much food as when he is well. However most sick people and especially those who are chronically ill will get well faster if they will eat as much or more food than do healthy people. Probably no man has ever lived who has eaten an ideal diet all of his life. In fact no one knows how tall or how heavy, or in fact how beautiful, modern civilized men and women would be if each one for a generation or two would eat a perfect diet. This is because scientists and many laymen, who know that proteins, vitamins, minerals and other foodstuff are essential for life, do not know how much of each one and in what combination these substances are needed to make the diet perfect. Few, if any people have actually throughout life approached an ideal diet.

American soldiers and sailors in World War II have come closer to this Utopia than have any other large group of people in history even though the skeptic who has been on a K or a C ration will shake his head and be doubtful. American scientists spent many hours going over all the essential data of nutrition and from their research, with the help of Army and Navy doctors, food manufacturers and others, came the various general and special rations which were used in the recent war.

We all know that proteins, fats, starches, vitamins, minerals and water are the food essentials and the proportion and total amount of each in the various rations in the armed forces have been the best that modern science could produce. While a few of us get our vita-

mins and minerals in the form of pills at the drug store most of us buy the essential food-stuffs in the grocery store. Fortunately our taste and habits do pretty well in telling us what to get within the limits of our pocket books, but undoubtedly we could do much better if along with these habits we could use some intelligence when we visit our grocer or get to the receiving end of the chow line.

Proteins, which are the building stones of all our tissues and therefore most important for growth and for the repair of wounds, come in convenient forms of milk, cheese, eggs, lean meats, poultry, fish, peanuts, and soybeans. An adult should have at least one pint of milk, one egg and one good serving of meat, fish or poultry daily to meet his protein requirement.

Vitamins can be likened to sparks and there are about as many of them as there are letters in the alphabet. Each one has its own characteristics and functions and without any one of them a person may have a state of "passable" instead of "bouyant" health. If things get worse, a deficiency might develop. This would be a situation well known to many men and women who were prisoners of war in the Orient and who developed beriberi and pellagra. The insidious thing about vitamin deficiencies is that they may creep up on one. In fact many people in the world go through life without "enough" of one or more of the vitamins. The result may be lack of growth, of stamina, of a "feeling

of energy," of resistance to infections, or of the *joie de vivre* that the normally healthy individual should have. Natural foods such as dairy products, fruits, vegetables, eggs, whole grain products (non-alcoholic), fish, and lean meats provide all the vitamins that are known to be essential.

Calcium and iron are two of the best known essential minerals. Calcium gives bone and teeth their hardness and also is essential for the function of all organs. Iron of course, is an important part of the hemoglobin of the blood and is necessary to transport oxygen to every cell of the body. Excellent sources of calcium are milk, green leafy vegetables, cheese, molasses and navy beans; sources of iron are liver, kidney, lean beef, egg yolk, apricots, molasses, and raisins.

Now, along with these facts it is well to point out some fallacies about foods because they are legion. It has been said that the "calcium man" is a pioneer and go getter, the "carbon woman" fair and pleasing with a pink and creamy white skin. By contrast the "sulphur woman" is said to be a beautiful creature of moods and the "phosphorus man or woman" to be delicate, refined, high minded and cultured. However it isn't all this simple and don't blame your disposition or that of your friends on the chemical balance of a dietary past.

Neither should you run away if any one offers you cherries and cream or sea foods and cream for there isn't the slightest scientific or practical evi-

dence that any combination of foods is deleterious. Milk, which is considered in many respects the most ideal food is after all a combination of protein, fat, starch, minerals, vitamins, and water. Furthermore don't depend on a diet of celery and fish (the brain foods) to help you pass that examination for the next higher rating.

All hospital corpsmen should know that milk normally curdles in the stomach because of the acid in it. So when you or the baby bring up curdled milk, don't run for the bottle of indigestion tablets or bother your doctor.

What about the vegetarian? He never eats meat and yet seems able to live and out-talk many of the rest of us. If he selects his diet carefully, he can get enough proteins from vegetables. But as Robert Hutchinson, the old English master of dietetics, wrote, "Vegetarianism is harmless enough although it is apt to fill a man with wind and self righteousness."

In summary, remember that you have generally had an excellent variety of essential food served to you in the Navy, especially at shore establishments. Keep up a good intake of meat, milk, fruits and vegetables and whole grain cereals and you won't need to worry much about nursing a bottle of vitamin pills.

Old Josh Billings expressed the idea very well when, after a long and useful life, he said, "I hav finally kum to the konklusion that a good reliable set of bowels is wurth more to a man than any quantity of brains." So is good health.

Subject of next week's symposium contribution, "The Common Cold," by Lt. Cmdr. R. C. Smith.

St. Paul's Kingly Crown Goes to Corpsman's Dad

St. Paul's celebrated sheriff, Tom Gibbons, who is the father of PhM3c Richard Gibbons, has been chosen king of the Minnesota Victory Carnival. With stately pomp, Sheriff Gibbons will be crowned Boreas IX on the State Capitol Plaza 22 February and will rule the carnival's festive events through 6 March.

Mr. Gibbons, twenty years ago, was chief contender for the world's heavyweight boxing title and fought both Dempsey and Tunney. Son Richard, while not a professional boxer, keeps up with his father as far as assuming kingly crowns is concerned, and is at present Potentate of Parasitology in the clinical laboratory here.

HC Wave Artist Raised To Rare Lt. Cmdr.'s Rank

Highest ranking Wave officer at Oak Knoll (excluding women affiliates of the Medical Corps) is Lt. Cmdr. Kay Hyde, H(S) USNR, who received the promotion to her new high rank on the first of this month.

Miss Hyde is one of the less than one-hundred people engaged in the select profession of medical illustration. A native Californian, she studied both here and abroad and her work has appeared in an uncountable number of text books and periodicals. Enlisting in the Waves in September, 1942, she arrived at Oak Knoll in August, 1943.

Mother: "Get off that sailor's lap."

Daughter: "What for? I got here first."

Miss Dillon Transferred To St. Albans Hospital

The U. S. Naval Hospital at St. Albans, New York, is the new address of Lt. Cmdr. Marian R. Dillon, NNC, who left Oak Knoll last Sunday night.

Miss Dillon served in the capacity of Chief Nurse when first reporting on the compound in August, 1945. Upon the arrival of Lt. Cmdr. Deaterla, whose position she was temporarily filling, Miss Dillon became assistant to the chief.

Old maid: I can't decide between the divan and the armchair.

Clerk: Lady, you can't make a mistake on a nice comfortable chair like this.

Old Maid: OK, I'll take the divan.

A bathing beauty is worth wading for.

Two Radio Rates Out, Replaced by Electronics

(SEA).—The Navy has created two new ratings, Electronic Technician's Mate and Aviation Electronic Technician's Mate, to replace the ratings of Radio Technician and Aviation Radio Technician respectively. Qualifications and duties are the same as previously described and personnel in the former ratings are being changed to equal pay grades in the new ratings.

If oo wuves me

Tay toe. . .

If oo don't wuve me

Don't tay toe. . .

If oo wuves me

An' tan't tay toe. . .

Den tiss me twick

And tweet me wuff

'Cause I wuves dat tave-man tuft.

The Word is Out On Nylons! Sh-h-h

A pleasing word-twist, muffled during war years, is again speedily traveling women's circles on the compound. It's that magical, breathlessly-spoken emotion, "Nylons!"

Latest reports on the arrival of a stock of these most sought-after hose indicate that the order is expected to reach ship's service late this month or early February. Chiefs of Oak Knoll's women's groups — Waves, nurses, cadet nurses, women patients—will be issued directions for distributing one chit to each service woman. These chits plus an undisclosed fee will render the possessor one pair of the coveted nylons. The stock is for G.I. gams exclusively. None will be sold to civilian employees.

Lt. (jg) E. H. Kershner, ship's service officer, states that after the first order, and replenishments in the stock of nylons, the hose will continue to be sold to women on presentation of re-issued chits. Between rationings, the chits will be filed according to the name of the owner. Files will be kept in the ship's service office.

Second important news to style-conscious Waves is the announcement that Waves' uniforms have been ordered and are expected around the middle of February. The order has been placed with the women's section of the Naval uniform factory in Brooklyn, so every article will be regulation.

Disbursing Office Notice TO RATIONS ONLY PATIENTS

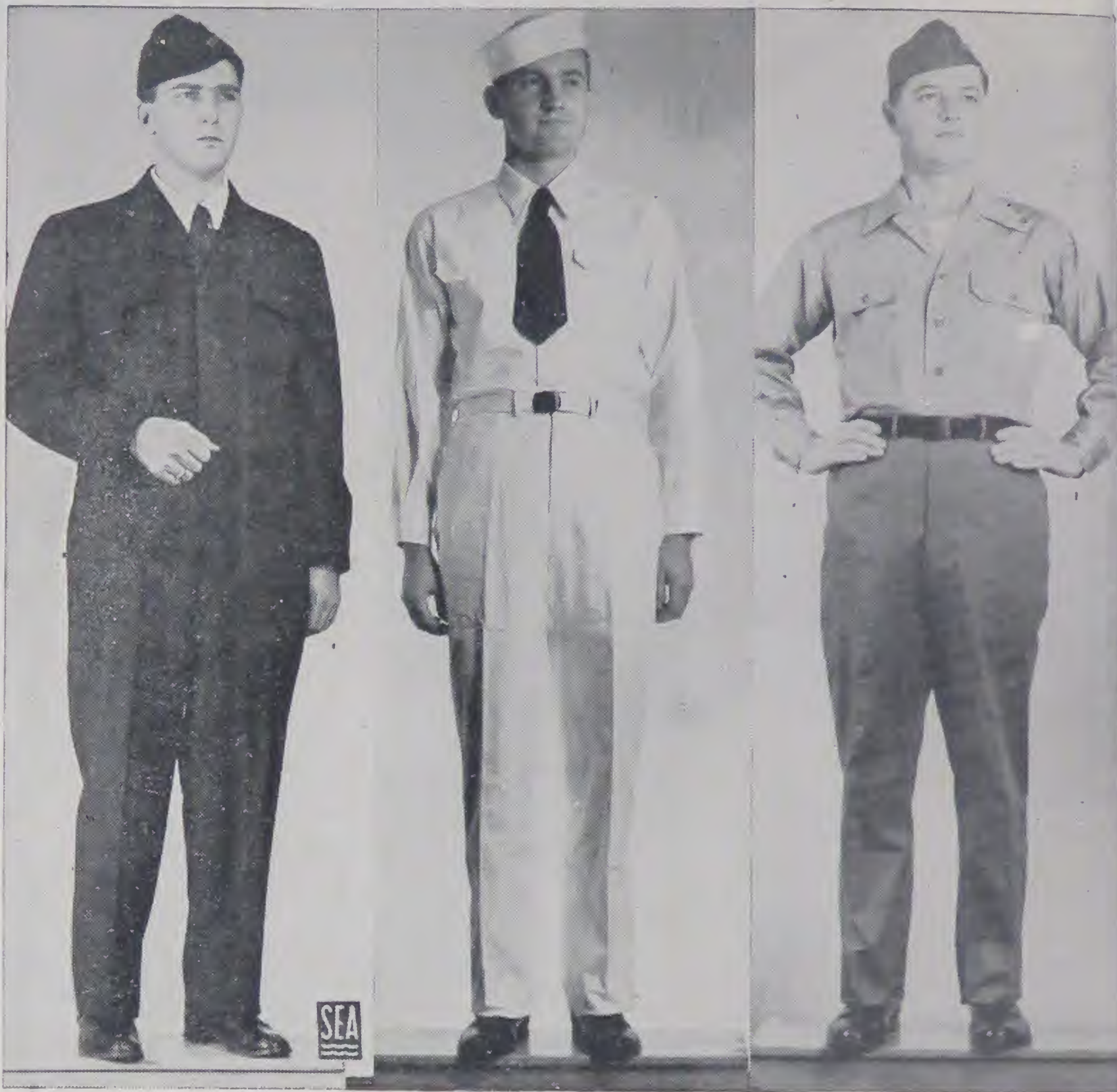
Navy patients who are at this hospital for rations only are usually paid within two days after their arrival. Amounts due are posted on Navy money list on ramp at rear of Administration Building. Payments are usually made at 1300, so patients should check the money list each morning until their name appears.

For the Pleasure of her Presence—Presents



Honoring the discharge of Lt. (jg) Gladys Schneider, former nurse in charge of the laundry, the entire staff presented her with gifts. Miss Schneider had been on the compound eighteen months. She left Friday for Great Lakes and her discharge, after which she plans to return to her Wisconsin home and "play around." Tsk, tsk.

GOODBYE, BELLBOTTOMS—MAYBE!



These uniforms may supplant the traditional Navy jumpers and trousers if they meet approval in the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets, where 2,500 of the new suits are undergoing three months' tests.

The summer dress uniform con-

sists of white shirt, black tie, white trousers and the old-type white hat. The working uniform is grey twill shirt, dark grey trousers and overseas cap. The dress blue uniform has a snug Eisenhower-type jacket, white shirt, black tie and overseas

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cap. There is no change contemplated in the "peacoat."

If the Navy decides to adopt this uniform, it will not be, however, until the present stock of jumpers and neckerchiefs and flat hats and flaring pants is exhausted.

Not So Fast on Surveying Bellbottoms

The shortage of men's suits and overcoats has grown so acute that the OPA is working out an emergency program to give service discharges a priority in purchases—allowing perhaps two suits or one suit and one overcoat each. Details have not been decided but the objective is three-fold: (1) To speed the manufacture of extra woolen material specifically earmarked by the Civilian Production Administration, (2) to insure, by some form of rationing, that the suits and overcoats will go to new veterans, and (3) to get manufac-

turers to turn out clothes in an acceptable price range.

Men's clothing racks all over the country are so bare that ex-servicemen in many cases are wearing half civvies, half GI. Service jackets, peacoats, and undyed khaki or blue trousers, set off by flashy cravats, are a common sight under civilian fedoras.

Even if the OPA plan succeeds, it will take weeks or months for retailers to replenish their stocks. Right now veterans are settling for the first suit they can buy in their size; they're not quibbling.

WAVES Encouraged to Extend Service to Sept. 1

The Navy is encouraging WAVE enlisted personnel to voluntarily extend their periods of service to September 1, 1946.

Commanding officers have been authorized to waive the normal service in pay grade requirements plus professional examinations and to advance them one pay grade. This is a temporary expedient adopted because of the great need for trained personnel during the demobilization period.

Since it is temporary and in effect for only the transition period until the major portion of demobilization is completed, this provision does not apply to male enlisted personnel.

New Captains Staff Urology And NP Dept.'s

Up Oak Knoll's gang-plank for the first time have come several distinguished captains during the past few days. Two of these are Capt. A. C. Abernathy and Capt. Marcy Shupp, who will assume direction of the urology and neuro-psychiatric departments, respectively.

Both doctors are regular Navy men and both entered the service upon receipt of their M.D. degrees.



Capt. A. C. Abernathy (MC) USN

Dr. Abernathy spent from June, 1941, until August, 1943, at Naval installations in London, carrying on work in his field of urology. In October, 1943, he was assigned to the U.S.S. Indiana which participated in six major engagements in the South and Central Pacific areas during the fourteen months he was aboard.

Returning to the States in December, 1944, he became Executive Officer at the U. S. Naval hospital, Banning, California, and in April of 1945 was appointed to represent BuMed at the 12th Naval District Medical Office. At this office he had charge of the transfer and disposition of casualties arriving at San Francisco ports.

Capt. Abernathy has also served on the staffs of Naval Hospitals at Chelsea, Treasure Island, and in the Philippines. He interned at the U. S. Naval Hospital in San Diego, going from there to duty in the Capitol, and later spending a year studying urology at the Brady Foundation in New York.

Capt. Shupp a Veteran Specialist

Serving over fourteen years in the Naval medical service, Capt. Shupp began his specialization in neuro-psychiatry in 1940. Prior to that, he practiced general medicine. His internship was served at the U. S. Naval Hospital in Bremerton, Washington, which was affiliated with Harbor View General Hospital and Children's Orthopedic Hospital in Seattle.

In 1936, Dr. Shupp began his tour of sea duty aboard the U.S.S. Oglala and this ship remained his home for the next two years time, which he spent in Hawaiian waters. He later served aboard the U.S.S. Consolation, before she be-

Notice to Contributors

All members of the hospital population are invited to contribute items to the "Oak Leaf" at any time. An "Oak Leaf" box is maintained for this purpose in the main lobby of ship's service. You may deposit news copy, want ads, letters to the editor or suggestions in it, or you may bring them to the "Oak Leaf" office, located on the second deck of the rear annex to the main administration building.

Many fine articles have been contributed recently, articles which we should like to publish but can't because they are unsigned. In print, we shall be glad to respect the desire for anonymity of any writer, but, before we publish, we must know who the author is. Such a ruling is for the protection of both the paper and the writer.

came a hospital ship, touring in the South Pacific area and leaving her upon her commissioning as a floating hospital.

Capt. Shupp has been chief of the neuro-psychiatric departments at Naval hospitals at Bremerton and Shoemaker. He was the first medical officer at the Naval Psychiatric unit at Napa, a psychiatric unit attached to Mare Island.

Duties on this base are of three classes, asserts Dr. Shupp. They entail administrative work, staff conferences, and instruction of junior medical officers, internes, and corpsmen. The specific job is to determine the severity of emotional and personality defect and to decide if the patient can be rehabilitated and returned to duty or if the findings are otherwise, to prepare the patient for useful membership in civilian society.



Capt. Marcy Shupp (MC) USN

Dr. Shupp who is also a senior member of the board of medical survey, lives with his wife and two children here.

Noticing an ad in a jewelry store window which read: "You get the bride, we'll do the rest," a young GI bridegroom remarked: "That's hardly fair."

Hospital's Hotel for Women A Busy Bedlam for MAA's



These five friendly girls are watchful guardians and companions of Oak Knoll's Wave flock. In this job which they find "lacks monotony," they are tops. Left to right, HA1c Milda Reinertson, HA1c Helen Price, Sp(S)2c Phyllis Hilborn, Sp(S)3c Eleanor Harwood and Sp(S)3c Yvonne Pettite.

Within the scope of the title "Wave M.A.A." are jam-packed a multitude of varied, specialized tasks that are of far more intimate and personal nature than the comparable job of male-quarters Master-at-Arms. The job being done by the five Wave M.A.A.'s at their barracks here runs the gauntlet of chambermaid to hotel manager; of bus boy to Omar Khayyam; of telephone operator to personnel manager; of hat-check girl to hostess. Their's is a job that has no monotony.

They must see that the barracks are kept in order. It is their responsibility to see that everyone is in proper uniform, that personal and public conduct measure up to rigid Navy standards. They do the ordering of needed supplies. They count the clean linen, exchange it for soiled linen, and store the extra away. Once every six weeks, they take an inventory of all linen and are thus responsible for its maintenance.

They are the Waves responsible for seeing that all current ALNAVS are posted for the girls to see. Therefore, they must maintain a constant contact with the M.A.A. shack, the O.O.D.'s office, Miss Ross' office and with the main gate.

For the five girls who bear the title M.A.A., there is a wealth of variable experience. HA1c Milda J. Reinertson, HA1c Helen S. Price, Sp(S)2c Phyllis L. Hilborn, Sp(S)3c Eleanor V. Harwood, and Sp(S)3c Yvonne E. Pettite find Naval life not at all dull, as is the usual experience with all bosun's mates, male or female.

They are the girls who are responsible for logging in and out all Waves who go on liberty. It is their duty to see that all those who

rate liberty get their names on the list at the main gate.

It is they who receive the mail from the post office, sort it and distribute it to each claimant. When the phone rings, it is they who answer, try to locate the party requested, or take a message if the girl is not in the barracks. Via the two-way loud speaker system, the M.A.A. keeps in ready touch with the girls, so as to be able to relay messages, etc. They receive both personal and business calls, and the phone rings constantly almost every evening.

In order to be able to locate a girl at any time, the M.A.A.'s keep records of watches, of assignments, of bunk number and cubicle number. It is they who fill in the complete log kept on all out-of-the-ordinary activities occurring in the barracks.

Thursday nites, they must assign work details and check to see that all is done correctly and everything is shipshape for inspection Friday morning, at which they stand-by.

Too, it is their unpleasant task to kick the visitors, usually male, out of the lounge by 2200.

A happily married college professor delivered a speech at a commencement in which he tendered this sage advice,

"Gentlemen, many of you will marry. Let me entreat you to be kind to your wives. When you are going out together, don't worry if your wife is not ready at the appointed hour. Be patient with her. Have a good book nearby. Read it while you wait. And, gentlemen, I assure you that you will be astonished at the amount of knowledge you will acquire.

Our Doctor

This week you are invited to meet a doctor new to this compound. He is young, frank-eyed Lt. William G. Donald (MC), USN. Dr. Donald protests modestly that "there's nothing interesting to write about me," but his diligence



Lt. William G. Donald (MC) USN

and conscientious attention to detail in his urological work on 75B are, in themselves, of interest.

In 1942 he graduated from Harvard Medical School and began his internship at the San Francisco Hospital. Then, two and a half years ago, he joined the Navy and spent the first twenty-six months of that time in the Pacific with a destroyer escort division. Responsible for six ships as division medical officer, he found his duties, amazingly enough, only routine. Whether the ships were screening defensive anti-sub patrols or whether they were engaged in action on a fighting front, the days passed as surprisingly uneventful.

One incident that broke the monotony and illustrates a rescue-treatment technique new to this war, Dr. Donald does describe, however. It happened off Okinawa. An American fighter burst in mid-air and tossed its parachuting pilot to the comparative safety of the water near the division's flagship. A tow line was thrown to the floating pilot from a life-jacketed man who had been lowered into the sea. On deck, Dr. Donald treated the burned and shocked pilot and later transferred him to the hospital ship, U.S.S. Samaritan.

A few months ago Dr. Donald was relieved off Tokyo with orders to report to Oak Knoll. Here, with the urology service his work presents problems that are of particular interest to him, and from 0800 to 1600, and often till later, he finds himself busy with the numerous patients of both the clinic and the ward. In the evening, his wife and fireside, awaiting him in nearby Berkeley, easily capture his attentions exclusively.

Virtues are learned at Mother's knee, and vices at some other joint.

Movie Schedule

First Show, 1715 - Second Show, 1930
 Saturday, 19 Jan., Cover Girl, Rita Hayworth and Gene Kelly.
 Sunday, 20 Jan., Tokyo Rose, Byron Barr and Lotus Long.
 Monday, 21 Jan., Marriage is a Private Affair, Lana Turner and John Hodiak.
 Tuesday, 22 Jan., Tars and Spars, Alfred Blake and Janet Blair.
 Wednesday, 23 Jan., Dick Tracy, Morgan Conway and Anne Jeffreys.
 Thursday, 24 Jan., River Boat Rhythm, Leon Errol.
 Friday, 25 Jan., Because of Him, Deanna Durbin and Franchot Tone.

Jewish Divine Services Continue in Chapel

Jewish Divine Services are held regularly for the benefit of hospital staff and patient personnel in the hospital chapel at 2000 every Friday evening. These services are conducted by Mr. Bernard Miran, field representative, National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Department.

Following the Friday evening services, a social hour is held in the marine detachment building, and refreshments are served.

Mr. Miran visits the hospital every Tuesday and Friday between 1000 and 1600. He is available for consultations in the reception room of the chapel on Fridays between 1500 and 1600, and can always be reached through the chaplain's office.

A new h.a. received his detail assignment to the M.A.A. shack and reported for duty.

"What can you do?" asked the chief in charge.

"Nothin'," said the h.a.

"Good," replied the chief, "we won't have to break you in."

Purple Heart Queens of Ward 46 A



The proud beauties above are miss-nomers who paraded in Ward 46A's charm contest. The successful slapstick affair was sponsored by Berkeley's University YWCA, under American Red Cross auspices.

Judged "Most Glamorous" was RM2c J. M. Ladion (seated in wheel chair). Winning the "Most Gruesome" title in a walkaway was RM3c Earl Gilgert (extreme left foreground). Participants pictured above are Gilgert, Pfc. Joe Solek, S1c Michael Ala, S1c Allen Boyd, S1c Donald Wilkins, Ladion, S1c Norman Von Aspern, RM3c Charles Kautz.

The fifteen Cal co-eds who hosted the party brought the spicy costumes that the boys used, Miss Elizabeth Scott, Red Cross worker, said.

To buy..sell..rent..

NOTICE: "The Oak Leaf" does not accept paid advertising. The following items are printed as a free service for the hospital's patients and staff. Deposit items in "The Oak Leaf" contribution box in the lobby of Ship's Service. Incidentally, it is NOT a mail box.

Wanted...

Two riders to Texas, 12 Feb., call Ext. 271, Lt. (jg) B. G. Douglas.

For Sale...

Motorcycle, 1942 Harley Davidson-74 overhead. Inquire of Sgt. Bratten, Ward 41B.

"Naturalizer Marcher" Pumps, 1 pr., size 5-C. Cuban heels. See E. Peters, Surgery II.

Woman's Fur Coat; black martin ¾ length. Inquire Ensign Calef, Ward 61B, after 1500.

Found...

Leather wallet (contains card addressed to "Barbara Goodwin") and Shaeffer pen. These articles left in PhotoGraphic Arts Dept., probably by personnel who were having ID photos there. Call R. Christopher, Ext. 183, or go to PhotoGraphic Arts.

Fountain pen; left in Small Stores. Owner can recover by giving proper identification.

Navy bridegroom: "With all my worldly goods I thee endow."

Father (aside): "There goes his seabag and fountain pen."

Hospital visitor: I heard those two nurses saying some mean things about you.

Patient: Yeah, they've had me on the pan ever since I've been here.

Hope Sink's In Staff Personnel

History has repeated itself in the case of Mrs. Hope Sink of the staff personnel office, who began her service career during the first world war and resumed it here at the compound during the second.



Staff Personnel's Capable, Pleasant Mrs. Hope Sink

Originally teaching for eight years, Mrs. Sink took night school courses in stenographic work to prepare herself to take a government job in the Shipping Board office in Washington, D. C., early in World War I.

At the conclusion of the job in 1922, she came to Piedmont, California, to establish her residence and after twenty years of vacationing as a housewife, in October 1942, she came to work in staff personnel here at Oak Knoll.

Mrs. Sink's job is one requiring tedious patience. She handles the "Navigation" reports, which are made out quarterly and sent to BuPers, 12th Naval District Office and maintained in the record office here. They are statistically-compiled reports of changes affecting staff members of this compound. For example, change of rate, discharge status, leaves, transfer, disciplinary action—all are marked down on the record card of the individual concerned. Once a month, large report sheets are made out here and every three months they are sent to the office where they are kept on file.

HC-3 cards are also under Mrs. Sink's jurisdiction. These are reports similar to the above, but differ in that they are sent monthly to the Fleet Post Office, BuPers, 12th Naval Office, BuMed, and filed in the record office here. They embrace any changes affecting personnel and are kept in permanent files in the various offices.

Mrs. Sink was born in Illinois and received her B.S. from the State Normal University. She has two daughters, Roberta, who is training at Stanford Hospital, and Betty Lee, who is studying at San Francisco Junior College. She likes her work here and plans to stay till it terminates.

Man on Wheel, Dummy on Knee & Hubba Hubba—U.S.O!



Above are five members of the cast of Oak Knoll's latest laugh-riot USO musical review. In the first pic, lovely Billy Shaw watches her unicyclist husband go through the hilarious antics of transversing the stage on the awkward one wheel bike, a comedy routing that kept the audience in non-sutured stitches. In the second panel, ventriliquist Ray Conlin holds a two way conversation with Horace McMahon, master of ceremonies for the show. In the final view, attractive warbler Merrill Tabor melodizes a hit tune. A capacity crowd viewed the classic performance in the auditorium. This show also repeated their entertainments on the hospital wards for the pleasurable benefit of bed patients.

Mills Girls Give Ward Truth, Consequence Show

"You are now Antoine the hair-dresser, and your problem is to give this girl an upswept hairdo. Here are comb, brush, and bobbie pins, now go to it," so spoke Miss Doris Haglund of Mills College to the confused victim on 47A.

"Truth or Consequences," staged by Mills College girls on the receiving ward, tested patients' musical knowledge. Titles of songs, year in which they came out, orchestra theme songs—these and many other questions caught the boys. Once snared, the victim then performed any task set for them by the pert girls. One draped a dress on a girl; another manufactured a hat; another did a complete make-up job ("Now purse your lips like this—"). Still another taught four girls to do close order drill.

The Mills girls have returned from a four-week holiday.

Russia is Theme of Library Tomes

With the question of Russia and our international problems come new books of fiction and non-fiction, as well as a revival of authors of other years. Among those on the library shelves which enlarge sympathy and understanding of the people and government we offer:

Simonov, *Days and Nights*. This is the story of the siege of Stalin-grad during the war. In it one feels the intensified struggle of the Russians, their will to win, and their bravery. Even in the darkest hours, it was never a question of "if," but always "when" we have won.

Tolstoy, *War and Peace*, a panorama of Russian affairs at the time of the Napoleonic wars. *Anna Karenina* is the profoundly tragic story of a fine woman who forsakes her husband for a lover. This is one of the best examples of Tolstoy's art.

Dostoevskii, *Crime and Punish-*

ment, the psychological study of an accident—the murder of an old woman, a money-lender, and her sister, by a student. The circumstances to the murders are extreme poverty and the resultant mental and moral depletion.

Guerney, *A Treasury of Russian Literature*. This is a collection of stories of some of the classic Russian writers.

Chamberlain, *The Russian Enigma: An Interpretation*. This is an explanation of the political and social history of Russia, background knowledge necessary to an understanding of the country and her present position in world affairs.

Snow, *The Pattern of Soviet Power*. The cultural and psychological effects of war on Soviet society. A study of the accomplishments of a people young in government and power, their advancement and hope.

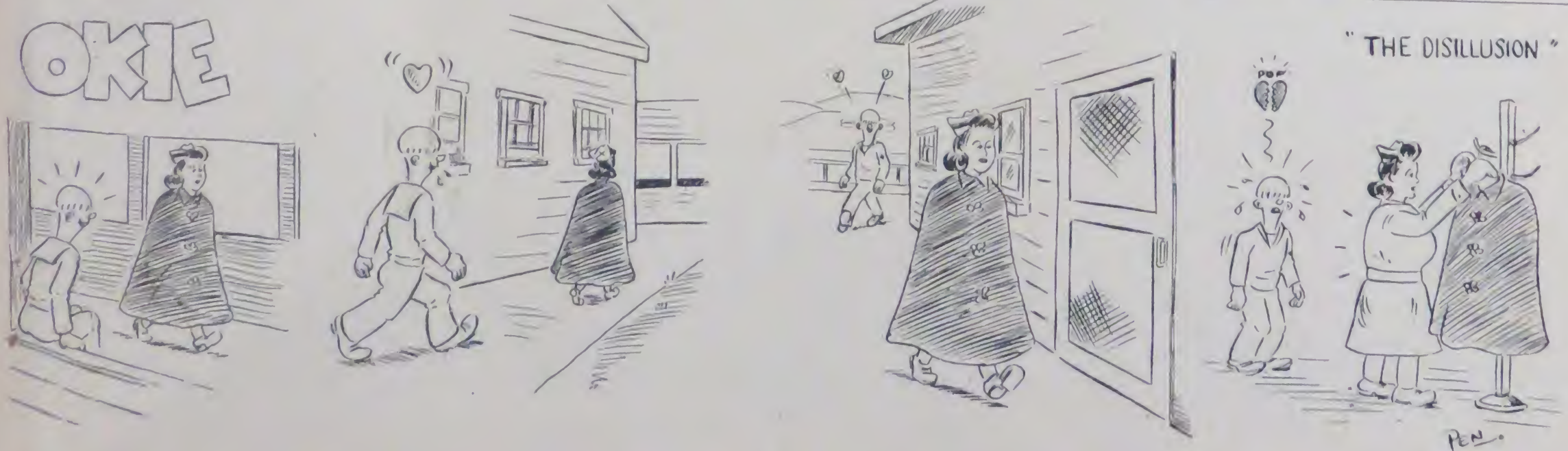
Welfare to Sponsor Week-end Ski Jaunts

Oak Knollers unaware of the colossal opportunities California extends to snow-happy Easterners are invited to attend one of Welfare and Recreation's weekly ski trips beginning the week-end of January 26-27.

The trips will continue every week-end through February, and as long after that as there are enough patients and staff signing up to warrant the excursions. The location chosen for the winter sports is the well-known resort, Slide-In Lodge in Long Barn, California, near Sonoma County.

Transportation will be provided by the hospital. Buses will leave the hospital each Saturday evening at 1700. The return will start from the lodge Sunday night at 1800. Each trip will be limited to thirty-five enthusiasts. Those wishing to participate are urged to sign up at the Welfare and Recreation office.

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Scuttlebutt

Last week's Who's Who column went over like a submarine—except with the happy select souls whom we honored.

Actually we hadn't planned space for a Scuttlebutt column in this issue (boy, how we plan these issues!) but we felt, after we tested the reaction of the previous column, that we ought to have one this week—more or less to show that we're sticking to our stories. We won't add any names to the last column; we won't take off any. We'll stick by our guns and, speaking of guns, comparatively few have been fired at us from the ramp facing the window where we type these journalistic gems. And in the highest tradition of Western journalism, no editorial copy is a genuine success unless the editor is the victim of at least one six-shooter.

We prophesied that the list would appear sublime to the ridiculous whom we listed out of a sense of absolute honesty. Boy, are those suckers happy!

We also prophesied that the list would appear ridiculous to the sublime whom we did *not* mention. Boy, are those sublime ones deflated!

Anyway, we are noting a tendency of non-mentioned souls to snub us, to spill chow on us, to edge us away from bars and to refer left-handedly to the chosen few as personal intimates of the staff. Actually, this was *not* the case entirely. Characters whose names *were* on the list came up and insulted us, and we didn't even know 'em. Other characters who really *are* good friends of the staff and who *weren't* mentioned suddenly started recalling debts of long standing between us. All in all, we're glad we ran the column,

Office Crew Helps
Lt. Conlow Celebrate



A surprise party that actually produced genuine surprise as well as plenty of cake and ice cream was the staff personnel crew's contribution to the birthday felicity of their boss, Lt. (jg) Joseph A. Conlow (left). PhM2c Charles Paxton (second from left) holds an ice cream-filled spoon while PhM3c Marge Catland and PhM2c Max Crist hold each other's spoons. (They're engaged.)

Pleasant Point Accumulators



Pleasant and pulchritudinous are the words all right for these three point accumulators who are the possession of staff corpsman HAlc Leonard Stimmel, who commands 46A's dressing room. They are wife Belle, Allan, 4, and Barbara, 8. Married nine years, Brooklynite Stimmel has amassed, by latest count, 29½ points which is plainly 5½ short of the minimum he needs to saddle the homing pigeon for Flatbush.

(Staff and patient husbands are invited to submit pictures of their own wives, daughters and sons to the "Oak Leaf" for pinlication.)

which we did, you'll remember, "for practically no reason at all." We did have a few promptings to run a **Who's NOT Who** column this week, but with the war ending around the rest of the world, we might as well cease hostilities here, too.

The column is still all in fun and we're not forgetting the fun that last week provoked. We're readying another surprise for a later issue which will name more important names and probably get us into all sorts of social difficulties again.

For the time being, however, we'll stick to reporting happy parties like the one that Welfare and Rec provided themselves with last Saturday night. It was as hilarious as Market St. on V-J Day. That is, Market St. without the statues. As was the case with the Who's Who listing, there were more men than women there. This is because of the distribution of the two sexes here. Gay femmes there that evening included Virginia Lee, Bobby Sylvester, Thelma Boskon, Ellen Birdsall and Ruby Glade. Kings of the stag line were George Mitchell, Howard Creed, Leonard Green, Phil Pyle, Ace Petting, Dud Payne and Frank Stahley. Also sharing the festivities were Welfare's married pairs, the Lemons and the Murphys.

We note the increasing vigor of the heartfulness involving the Pats, Kirkpatrick and Brady, who are closer than the Grass Shack and the Playboy, as are Ev Milko-vich and Dick Stephens.

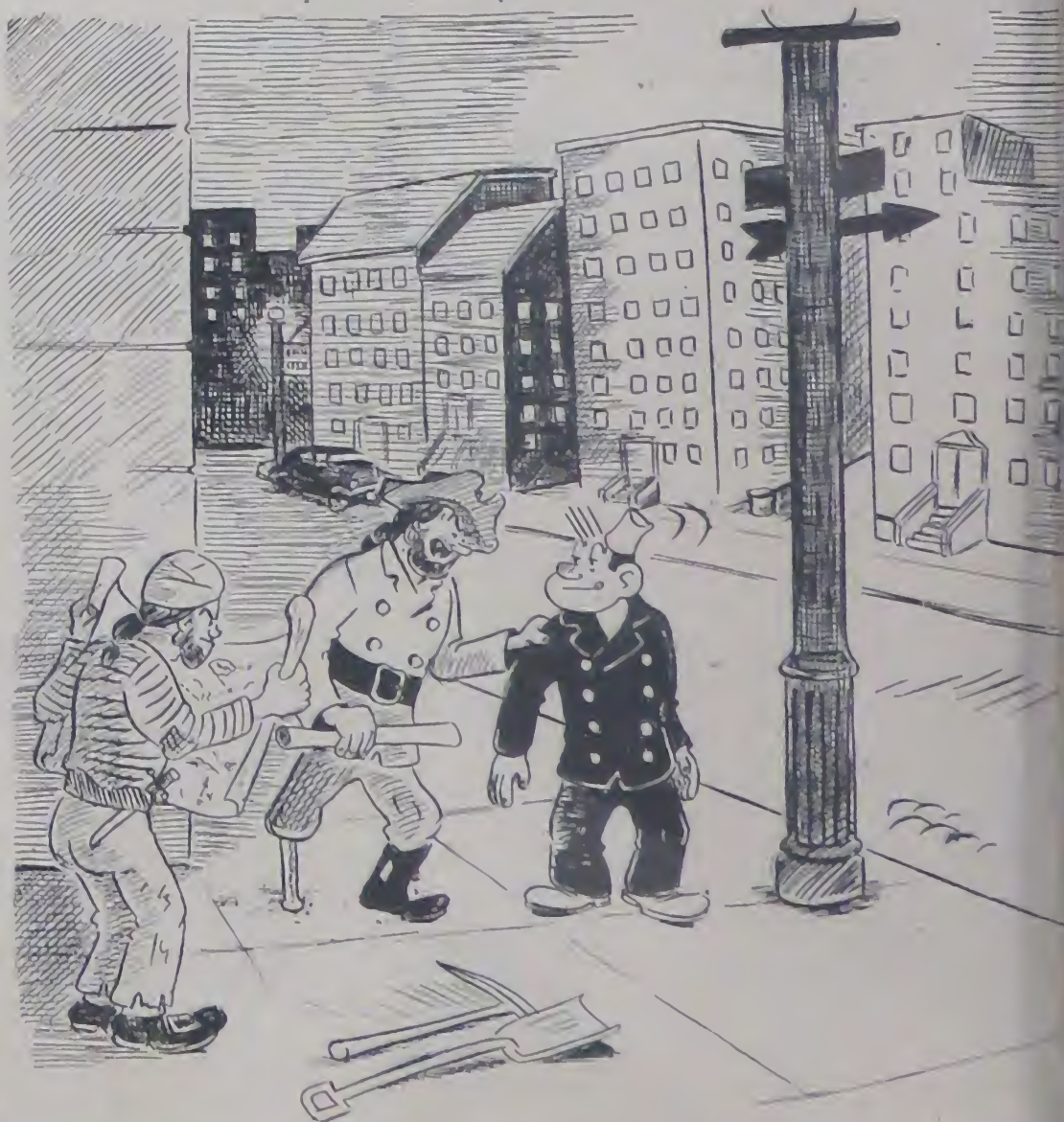
Joe Mazurek, veteran Oak Knoll tender, woke us up with a special watch gleam in his eye to provide

a belated Christmas shopping story. It happened in the sweater department of an Oakland emporium. A gal stepped out of a dressing room, up to the counter and decided, "This sweater fits perfectly. I'll take the next smaller size." All of which goes to prove that Joe is a keener observer than we thought.

Papa Robin: What's this strange looking egg doing in our nest?

Mamma Robin: Oh, I just did it for a lark.

MOIPHY



"AHOY, MATIE, HOW DO WE GET TO TREASURE ISLAND?"

Send Your Copy of THE OAK LEAF Home!



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To

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By Penberthy



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José Iturbi Charmed Oak Knoll's Biggest Indoor Crowd Last Sunday, Playing Piano Magic from Bach to Boogie and Bach to Boogie Again



Jose, can you see-and play-with your eyes closed?



Iturbi's first autograph went to Capt. Dearing.



And there were plenty of others to go around.



Mass hypnosis, by Iturbi, during Clair de Lune.



A lighter mood for The Joint is Jumpin'.



Soulful expression as fingertips capture Liebestraum.



For them, diagnosis determined: spellbound.



A serious intent Iturbi for Rhapsody in Blue.



Comic photographers couldn't foil Fire Dance.

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Top Spokesmen for Army and Navy Give Pro and Con on Merger

Fleet Admiral Nimitz, CNO: "Consolidation of the War and Navy Departments into a single department should not be confused with 'unity of command.' . . . I am now convinced that a single department will not work as efficiently as two separate departments have proved that they can work in producing the kinds of forces required for modern war. I am also convinced that the merging of the War and Navy Departments into a single department cannot help, and may hinder, the adequate provision and efficient use of our sea power."

General of the Army Eisenhower, Army Chief of Staff: "When war came, at Pearl Harbor, we had joint command. It was not until we surprised the enemy in North Africa that the first large-scale example of unified command emerged. But it was a new device and there were many difficulties which yet remained to be overcome. . . . In my opinion those difficulties grew directly from the traditional separation of the Army and Navy. . . . So long as there are two executive departments in Washington, instead of one, we will continue to be harassed with the needless extravagance of double administration, overlapping duplications, differing standards, and competitive procurement."

Fleet Admiral Leahy, Chief of Staff to President Truman: "Its inauguration would cause for an indefinite period a disorganization in the administration of the Army and Navy. . . . I am unable to see any advantage in a single department to either the efficiency or the economy of the national defense."

General Bradley, Administrator of Veteran Affairs: "It is . . . essential that we have complete, intelligent understanding and coordination between the Army and Navy in combined operations, especially landing operations . . . unless there is unity of control at the top in peacetime, there can be no immediately effective unity of field command in wartime."

Rear Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, U.S.N.: "Two or three secretaries of separate departments, all with cabinet rank, will produce better decisions than would a single secretary in a single department. The heads of individual uniformed services, functioning as a committee, will likewise produce better decisions than would a single Chief of Staff in a single department."

Lt. Gen. J. H. Doolittle, Army Air Forces: "How do you train leaders who, in the crisis of war, will be able to direct the cooperative efforts of three services . . . ? The answer is: You train them in peacetime in an organization where those three services function under a single direction and you give them experience on a command staff which . . . compels them to think in terms broader than that of their own basic service."

Movie Schedule

First Show, 1715 - Second Show, 1930

Saturday, 26 Jan., Birth of the Blues, Bing Crosby and Louise Campbell.

Sunday, 27 Jan., Scarlet Street, Edward G. Robinson and Joan Bennett.

Monday, 28 Jan., Once Upon a Time, Cary Grant and Janet Blair.

Tuesday, 29 Jan., The Harvey Girls, Judy Garland and John Hodiak.

Wednesday, 30 Jan., Close Call for Boston Blackie, Chester Morris and Richard Lane.

Thursday, 31 Jan., Wanderer of the Wasteland, James Warren and Audrey Long.

Friday, 1 Feb., A Sailor Takes a Wife, Robert Walker and June Allyson.

Officers Reporting:

Lt. Cmdr. Malcolm W. Mason, (MC) USNR; Lieut. Harry J. Wisner, (MC) USNR; Ch. Pharm. William H. Painter, (HC) USN; Lt. Cmdr. Vance E. Senter, (MC) USN; Lieut. Frank J. Peters, (MC) USNR; Lt. (jg) Bradley N. Lynn, (D)L USNR; Lieut. George D. Mallory, (DC) USNR; Ens. Charles T. Taylor, (HC) USN; Pharm. Riley E. Bobb, (HC) USN; Lieut. Theodore S. Poulsen, (MC) USNR; Lieut. Laurence W. Kinsell, (MC) USNR; Lt. Cmdr. Nicholas F. Gruber, (ChC) USNR; Lieut. Frank W. Cleary, (MC) USNR.

Officers Detached:

Lt. Cmdr. Alfred M. Wolfe, (MC) USNR; Lt. (jg) Willard J. Petway, (MC) USNR; Lt. (jg) David Spiro, (MC) USNR; Lieut. Raymond N. Olson, (MC) USN; Warrant Officer Robert E. Trometter, USMC; Cmdr. Delbert A. Ward, (MC) USNR.

Busy Right Hand for New Exec.



Corpsmen work from sun to sun, but the Exec's work is never done. In his first Oak Knoll picture, the new executive officer, Capt. Harvey E. Robins (MC) U.S.N., is signing one of the scores of official forms that protocol demands he autograph daily. Standing by, with more work, is veteran executive office corpsman, PhM2c James Stephens.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Color Blindness

"God make us color blind," we pray,
'Twixt faces black and white,
May we accord to colored ones
Their every human right,
And may we restitution make
For slavery's night of wrong;
May darkened souls so long oppressed
Uplifted be in song.

"God make us color blind," we pray,
'Twixt faces of each hue,
For we would see the face of Christ,
His glory shining through,
In faces yellow, brown and red,
As well as faces white;
Then shall His kingdom come on earth,
In peace and joy and light.

"God make me color blind," I pray,
'Twixt brother's face and mine.
May I upon his countenance
See radiant glow divine.
And when my brother looks on me
May he find in my face
Something of heaven and the stars,
Of God's own matchless grace.

—PLINY A. WILEY.

(Submitted by Chaplain William F. Summers)

Divine Services

Protestant:
Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, J. A. Talley, A. T. L. Armstrong, W. F. Summers.
Sunday—
Morning Service 1000
Communion Service 1100
Evening Vespers 1930
Weekday—
Morning Devotions 0730
Vesper Service 1600
Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
Choir—Tuesday & Thursday, 1400-1500.
Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Christian Science:
Wartime minister will be at the reception office in the Chapel every Tuesday at 1400 to 1600.

L. D. S. (Mormon):
Services 1930 Thursday.

Catholic:
Chaplains—Donald L. Barry, C. J. Farrell, Nicholas F. Gruber.
Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130.
Saturday Mass—0630 and 1630.
Weekday Mass—1630.
Confessions before all Masses.
Novena and Benediction, 1830 Tuesday.
Catholic Chaplain's offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Jewish:
Divine Service—2000 Friday, conducted by Mr. Bernard Miran.
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1900 to 2000 on Fridays.

Spotlight Band Here Wednesday

Coca-Cola's Victory Parade of Spotlight Bands will trek the Oak Knoll gangway next Wednesday 30 January to broadcast from the ship's service auditorium.

The spotlight will shine in the smiling face of maestro accordionist Lawrence Welk who, when he isn't in spotlights, is pleasing plenty of heavy-paying cash customers in the Mural room at the Hotel St. Francis across the bay.



LAWRENCE WELK

The show will strike the super-Oak Knoll ether at 1830. All patients and staff wishing to attend are advised to be in the auditorium and in their seats at 1800. Doors will close then and no stragglers will be admitted.

The show will be carried over a coast-to-coast network of the Mutual Broadcasting System. Lawrence Welk will feature his stomach Steinway. Talented thrush Jean Mowery is the singing starlet of the group.

Mail Men to be Demoblized Back Into Mail Men Again

Oak Knoll will bid goodbye to several of its most popular personnel on 1 February when seven of the staff mail clerks leave for home, once again civilians. All but one are experienced professional mailmen who have performed the task of bringing the staff closer to their homes through the mails for over two years at the hospital.

Longest on duty here is MaM1c Bill Blanc, at present acting chief mail clerk. Others are MaM2c William Petri, MaM3c S. L. Smith, MaM3c W. W. Wiles, MaM3c U. R. Neale, MaM3c E. R. Witt and S1c W. J. Hilbrand.

All the rated mail clerks worked for the Post Office Department of the federal government before entering the service and all are going back into this work after discharge.

Minister: Ye will now have a few minutes of prayer. Deacon Brown, will you lead?

Deacon Brown (sleepily): Not my lead, just dealt.

For Mr. Kershner, a Blush; For Oak Knoll Gals, a Tear.

There'll Be No Nylons

Yes, that's the sad, devastating news from the ship's service officer: No Nylons.

Releasing this terrifying information earlier in the week (in whispers), Lt. (jg) E. H. Kershner hastened to qualify the suicide-provoking words. He supplied this sad and soulless commentary from a BUPERS communication, to wit, "AVAILABILITY OF NYLON HOSIERY IS HEREBY CANCELLED."

All of which is pretty tough, pretty terse, and if you ask Mr. Kershner, pretty terrific. But it's unavoidable. C'est la vie.

Generations hence, scholarly long-bearded historians may compile massive maudlin volumes on what happens to innocents who offer stocking-starved mademoiselles nylons—only to heartlessly withdraw said offer. But in the meantime, please bear with Mr. Kershner. There is only one of him, while there are nearly a thousand femmes here who rated the coal-air-wood gam covers.

Rayon, MacDuff. There's a peace on.

Book Loans Double; 70% Prefer Fiction

The hospital library circulated 122,971 books during 1945, compared with 54,730 in 1944, and 24,991 in 1943. The peak of borrowing was reached in May, 1945, when 12,352 books were loaned. The busiest day of the year was May 29, when 721 books were lent to patients and staff. About two-thirds of the books were borrowed by bed patients from the six book carts which visit each ward in which there are bed patients twice weekly. Seventy per cent of the books read were fiction. In non-fiction, literature was the most popular subject, probably because humor is included in this group, though poetry is also quite well-liked. Science, pure and applied, ranked second. History, mostly represented by war books, was third in popularity. Cartoon and drawing books were next best-liked, followed by biography. Social sciences, which included books on the Navy, were sixth in circulation. Philosophy and psychology, journalism, languages, and religion conclude the list of subjects in which borrowers were interested.

'Guidebook for Marines' Is Unavoidably Delayed

"Guidebook for Marines," originally planned for distribution on 1 January, has been unavoidably delayed. This information comes from Leatherneck Magazine, Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps, P. O. Box 1918, Washington 25, D. C.

Current paper shortages and generally overcrowded press conditions kept the publication from being ready on the date scheduled. Advance orders have been pouring in due to advertising which stated the book was available. Unfortunately, this advertising had to be made up well in advance of its release and could not be retracted in time. However, the book is now on the press and will be ready for distribution shortly.

Quote. My father and mother are first cousins; that's why I look so much alike. Unquote.

Captain's Stripes For Dr. Livingston

Promotion-of-the-month at Oak Knoll is that of Cmdr. William K. Livingston to the rank of Captain. Capt. Livingston is Chief of Neuro-Surgical Service. His personal specialty is peripheral nerve surgery.

Dr. Livingston came aboard in January, 1943, when he was called into active duty in the Naval Reserve. He was assigned to peripheral nerve surgery at that time and has since risen to administrative officer of the department, although he still maintains consultations and surgical work.

Capt. Livingston received a surprise last year when his son, Lt. (jg) Kenneth E. Livingston (MC) USNR was sent to Oak Knoll at the completion of internship. Both of the Doctors Livingston are specializing in the same field.

Jane: My husband is in the Navy. He has so few leaves that when he comes home he almost seems like a stranger.

Jo Ann: My, how thrilling.

Merger is Called Shotgun Wedding

(SEA). — "The pell-mell, hell-for-leather campaign the War Department has been waging to convince the Congress of the urgency of merging the Army, Navy and Air Force under one command appears somewhat too purposeful," said the San Francisco Chronicle, discussing pros and cons in a recent editorial. It then came up with these conclusions:

"The real troubles are not going to be solved by a shotgun wedding of the armed forces at the top. The wedding, like most such, would be far from a happy one.

"For harmony, like genius, is born, not made. Liberalize the curricula of the service schools, bringing a little of the Navy viewpoint into the Army classrooms and the Army viewpoint to the Naval Academy—and the aviation viewpoint to both—and you'll have gone a long way toward promoting that harmony. . . .

"If the armed forces bethink themselves as earnestly about setting their own houses in order as they now appear to be thinking about the dwellings of their neighbors-in-service, unification will cease to be a label and become a fact—whether there is one top secretary or a dozen."

First 1946 Officers' Dance Scheduled for 2 February

First gilt weave dance of the 1946 social season will be at the officers' club 2 February, from 2030 to 0030, Lt. Comdr. William M. Adams has announced.

Parents can make reservations for the 'baby watch' by phoning the club, Ext. 274.

Name of the music providers will be announced soon on placards at the officers' club and in the officers' mail room.

Ah, Women! And from California



These Cal co-ed lovelies have, among other things, a flair for planning and executing ward parties. Through Red Cross rec worker, Elizabeth Scott, they come weekly to Oak Knoll. And the patients love 'em (the parties, too). Kneeling, Misses Pat Waterman, Bibi Stockton, Lydia Griffin, Elizabeth Scott, Dolores Boghosian, Charlotte Brown and Jane Hicks. Standing, Jean Whistler, Lois Bornhauser, Barbara Bristow, Betty Heryford, Edith Weitzner, Elaine Panusa, Paula Joy, Ann Brennan and Mary Krischman.

OAK LEAF PUBLIC HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

Catarrhal fever, coryza and acute rhinitis are synonyms for the common cold which is probably a combination of two diseases. The first stage, lasting one or two days, is caused by a minuscule organism of the virus family. This stage is mild and is characterized by a feeling of indisposition, chilly sensations, a generalized aching, slight fever and stuffiness and running of the nose. The virus invades the cells of the mucous membrane or lining of the nose, sinuses, throat and bronchi causing swelling, redness and secretion of a thin irrigating fluid. In this state the mucous membranes are very susceptible to secondary infection by bacteria including varieties of staphylococci, pneumococci and several others which are usually present in the respiratory tract of healthy individuals but which do not cause disease because the uninjured cells are resistant toward them. The barriers, however, are down after the virus has done its work and the secondary invaders be-

gin their activities causing the second stage of the disease. The symptoms become worse and, depending upon the ability of the body to withstand the invasion and the disease-producing strength of the bacteria which varies a good deal, the individual gets well or develops complications. Such complications include tonsillitis, abscessed ear, laryngitis, bronchitis or even pneumonia.

Colds prevail in the changeable weather of spring and fall and often occur in epidemic form. They are caught from other people and are not the result of chilling or being exposed to draughts. The time a cold is most easily transmitted is in the first day or so of the disease. Prevention is difficult because of the universality of the disease and the fact that people with colds seldom are

THE COMMON COLD

By **RICHARD C. SMITH**
Lt. Comdr. (MC) U.S.N.R.

sick enough to isolate themselves from others especially in the early mild stage when transmissibility is at its maximum. To avoid infected persons and places where people are crowded together when colds are prevalent is of value. Sprays and gargles as preventatives are ineffectual. Vaccines have been in fashion for many years but, in their present form, are almost certainly futile. Vaccines are made of the secondary bacteria and the immunity-producing properties of these are doubtful, certainly conferring no protection against the original causative virus. Viruses of the cold group produce little immunity anyway, at best a month or so, and if suitable virus vaccines could be prepared it is likely that they would protect only a very short time.

There is no specific treatment for the common cold. All treatment is directed toward relief of the symptoms. It is sad to contemplate the gruesome remedies, from witchcraft brews to mustard plasters, that human beings have been made uncomfortable with through the centuries in behalf of the cold. Bed rest when there is fever is always a good medical rule. Nose drops and sprays are helpful in relieving congestion but the type which contains aromatic oils, camphor, menthol, etc., should be avoided as these substances cause additional irritation. Aspirin is beneficial for aches and pain; codeine alone or in good-tasting cough syrups relieves cough. Penicillin and sulfa drugs are not indicated and booze is out altogether. Perhaps the greatest contribution of modern civilization to the treatment of colds is Kleenex.

Comdr. William E. Walston (DC) U.S.N.R. will be the Symposium contributor next week. Title of his article, *Oral Hygiene and Good Health*.

World War I Vet Brings Hollywood to Hospital, A Real Service by D.A.V.



Mr. William Sundin and Ward 64A friends.

For over three years, William Sundin of Oakland has been voluntarily making from two to six trips a week here to show movies to Oak Knoll's patients unable to attend the regular shows. And for these three years, his efforts have brought a continuous show of favor and appreciation from the thousands of Oak Knollers he so generously treats.

This generosity is under the direct sponsorship of the Disabled Veterans of World War I. They rent the films, most of which are "shorts," and Mr. Sundin, who is the projectionist at the Fox Theatre downtown, splices them to one-reel length or more and brings them here for the hospital's benefit.

This week he will bring the 808th show of this type. The running time on each ward is generally 57 minutes. Two wards are visited nightly. At the present, these shows are provided on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Each of the reels usually combines sports, cartoons and travel pictures. All are sound films.

Mr. Sundin, who was injured in World War I, states that if "... it wasn't for my wife, I wouldn't be able to do this little bit. She helps, too, by picking up and returning the film." Mr. Sundin began his tours of duty, using his own equipment, before the Red Cross purchased projectors for the hospital.

Inspection of Liberty Parties

In order to assure the high standard of appearance of Naval personnel on liberty, personal inspections of liberty parties at the main gate will continue.

Results of past inspections have been gratifying to date. Oak Knoll personnel are apparently proud of their Naval uniform and their personal appearance, and are making all efforts to look neat and clean. This attitude should prevail.

Most frequent carelessness, in violation of regulations, concerns enlisted men's and women's hair, which is often in need of quick tonsorial repair. Male personnel are advised that only black sox are permitted ashore, and that hats must be squared. Shoes of both Waves and bluejackets must be regulation and must be well shined.

Waves are reminded that they are not permitted to leave the base in sports attire unless in an authorized group. Havelocks, incidentally, are not part of the uniform unless the weather warrants.

Such regulations are issued in the direct interest of the personnel concerned. Think them over. They are sensible. They are in the best interests of this command and of your Navy. Pride in appearance is an important morale factor. Therefore show others your pride in your uniform and your Navy—and yourself—by wearing your uniform well.

HARVEY E. ROBINS,
Capt. (MC) U.S.N.,
Executive Officer.

Light Remains Lit at Port-o-Call Canteen

The Port-o-Call, a Servicemen's Center, located at 6119 MacArthur Blvd. will continue to function as long as there are any servicemen in the bay area.

This center was opened at the beginning of the war, and has given a homelike atmosphere, entertainment and help to many servicemen. The center has a full program and is open from 1600 to 2400 nightly, except Monday. Saturday night is "Party Night" with many Junior Hostesses in attendance.

To Oak Knollers wishing to attend: take a main gate bus to Seminary. Two blocks up MacArthur you will find this place, marked by a banner "Welcome Servicemen." They guarantee to have the best coffee, the best donuts, and the prettiest girls in Oakland. (So it's worth going, even if you don't like coffee or donuts, most likely.)

Corpsman's Dilemma ... by F2c Bill Roberson



Saturday, 26 January, 1946

With No Yearning for Burning, He Runs Our Fire Department without a Fire

Fire, fire, false alarm! That's the monotonous story at Oak Knoll's fire department, states the chief. James O. Raser, who has been director of the department since October, 1945, and who can proudly report no fires or fire-associated injuries to crew members since that time.



Fire Chief James Raser

Chief Raser came to this compound after spending almost three years working for Naval fire departments at Treasure Island and at Yerba Buena, as assistant chief. Prior to this, for 14 years, he was a lieutenant on the Oakland fire force.

The chief is a veteran of World War I. During that war he served in the Army's gas-flame regiment in Belgium and France. Immediately after his discharge, he entered the business world, doing clerical work. Deciding he didn't like this type of job, he started working in the Oakland Fire Department and has followed this profession most of his life. Mr. Raser is a native son and has lived in this area for the past 40 years.

The compound's fire-fighting equipment includes two pumping engines which can be augmented by trucks from San Leandro and Oakland in case of an emergency. The chief doesn't anticipate one,

but preparedness is his business. Like flame itself, within our facile call 24 hours a day, the department is open around the clock. It is staffed by a crew of eight enlisted men and 12 civilians including Mr. Raser.

A fire drill for patients and staff members here also means a practice for the fire department. The time and scene are unknown beforehand and the crews respond as they would to a bona fide alarm. Regular fire-fighting procedures are observed. The hose lines are stretched. Men enter the designated building and inspect it carefully, making sure it is only a practice drill. "We never know whether it's a real fire or not," states Mr. Raser, "So we don't take any chances." Taking these precautionary measures is partially responsible for the hospital's model record.

All Hands and All Feet To Shake Twice Monthly

Definite arrangements have been made to guarantee hospital patients and staff two all hands dances every month. Oak Knollers may now enjoy these popular parties on the second and third Mondays of each month with plenty of time to secure dates.

The Oakland Navy Mothers' Club, who sponsored their first dance of 1946 last Monday, has agreed to set aside the third Monday monthly for Oak Knoll. Mrs. J. D. Kennedy is in charge of this activity.

The Serve-a-Hospital Committee will sponsor their next dance on 11 February and every month from there on, under the supervision of Mrs. Sarah Rosenberg. Both organizations will offer complete attractions including refreshments and orchestras. Local work is under the direction of welfare and recreation.

Jap soldiers may get new uniforms: shoot suits with retreat pleats and defeat seats.

Blood, Birthday & Cocker Coat All In Day's Work for Red Cross

Hats off to the boys on Ward 64A who wasted no time in offering their blood! Once again you have shown your true colors, and we are proud of you!

No sooner had the general appeal for donors become known than the Red Cross phones began to jingle. Our eager patients could not wait to do their part in trying to save the little ten year old girl who is fighting for her life in an Oakland hospital. Could the Red Cross make the necessary transportation arrangements? Quick as a flash our Field Director was on the phone. The Oakland Red Cross Chapter was contacted. In no time at all the Red Cross Motor Corps, on the ball as usual, were on their way to pick up the boys and whisk them off to the blood bank on their heroic errand.

Patients McLaughlin, Ross, and Tillman on 64A were among the lucky ones accepted as donors. Many other boys were eager and willing to give blood, but for medical reasons were turned down. Nevertheless, their intentions were of the best, and their spirit admirable.

Physicians estimate that if this badly burned child is to recover, she will require blood equal to that supplied by 125 one-pint donors. The response has been staggering from far and wide—and our Oak Knoll boys are right up there in front—with offers still coming in—and the Red Cross Motor Corps still burning up the roads—ready at a moment's notice to pick up their avid depositors and deliver them quickly and safely to the blood bank.

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Coming soon—more and better movies on all wards, thanks to the patients on 63A. These "eager-beavers" submitted a petition requesting better movies; thus extensive work has been done to provide a better program. So cheer up, fellows, you'll soon be seeing all of the good movies prac-

tically before they finish filming them in Hollywood.

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Miss Ruth Wolff, Recreation Consultant for the 12th Naval District for Red Cross, and Miss Anna Mahoney, Recreation Consultant for the San Francisco Bay Area, spent Thursday 17 January in conference with the hospital recreation staff of Red Cross. Discussion centered on program planning, and activities to meet the needs and desires of the bed patients of this hospital.

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"Could you make a coat of some kind for my dog?" asked the big Marine, holding a fat, black, four-months-old Cocker. "Soda is a California dog and we're leaving for Boston tomorrow, and I'm afraid the cold will be too much for him."

"Of course we can," answered Mrs. Nathan, Red Cross Volunteer, as if it were an every day request. "Soda" was immediately placed on a bench and eager Gray Ladies combined their knowledge of dog jackets. In fifteen minutes they had constructed a blouse for him from the leg of an old pair of Marine pants that was neat and sharp enough for any man or dog in the USMC.

Although they couldn't provide his chevrons, the Gray Ladies made his master promise to buy him some immediately to complete his uniform. "Soda," DFC (Dog First Class), USMC, was off to establish a beachhead, or should we say, Lamppost, in Boston.

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S2c Juanita Hendricks and Y3c Mary Allen of 62B (Wave Ward) were surprised with a birthday party Wednesday night, 17 January. Following the serving of beautifully decorated cakes, furnished by the Red Cross Canteen Corps, the girls spent the evening concentrating, along with all of the girls on the ward, on quizzes, and relaxing with games. Happy birthday, gals.



The hospital's modern fire equipment, manned by a full crew of veteran flame beaters, attends with 4.0 speed and proficiency each practice drill that is held on the compound. Such drills are unannounced and unrehearsed. With the time and place unknown, the department answers each alarm as if it were a genuine appeal. When the supposed site of the conflagration is reached, all the regular combat motions are gone through just to make doubly sure.

Our Doctor

A neuro-surgeon of distinction for over a decade, Cmdr. Hale A. Haven (MC) USNR, has fortunately continued his selected career right into the Navy. Receiving his first commission in 1937, he remained on inactive duty status until the fall of 1942, when he was



Cmdr. Hale A. Haven (MC) USNR

called to report to the U. S. Naval Hospital at Seattle, Washington. There he was assigned immediately to the department of neuro-surgery. He practiced proficiently in this post until August of 1945, when he came to Oak Knoll and assumed duties as neuro-surgeon on Ward 54. In this position he deals mainly with peripheral nerve injuries.

The field of neuro-surgery covers highly specialized work. Here, patients' combat wounds are the main causative agents. These wounds are often healed by the time the men arrive for treatment. Delicate skill is required to incise the healed scar and to repair the injured nerve in order to assure the ultimate optimum functioning of the impaired limb. Nerve treatment and regeneration are time-consuming processes. Therapy is often constant and repetitious. Operations are seldom limited to one.

Dr. Haven graduated from Northwestern University Medical School in 1927 and spent the following year as an interne at the Wesley Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Upon completion of this, he returned to the university to specialize in neuro-surgery, receiving his Ph.D. in this field in 1933.

During the interim between school and Naval service, he spent one year instructing at Northwestern and then came to Seattle and took over principal duties of the neuro-surgery department at the Mason Clinic, remaining there until he donned Navy blues.

Tall, dark-haired Cmdr. Haven is slated to be discharged at the beginning of next month and plans to return to his practice in Seattle. His eldest son, who was recently discharged from the Army Air Corps, is attending the University of Washington, and his wife and younger child reside in Seattle at the present.

Catholic Chaplains Join Hospital Staff

Oak Knoll has extended a hearty "Welcome Aboard" to three new Catholic Chaplains in the last month. Assuming duties in the offices are Lt. Cmdr. Donald L. Barry, aboard since 26 December, Lt. Charles J. Farrell, who reported 15 January, and Lt. Cmdr. Nicholas F. Gruber, newest addition to the staff, who reported 21 January. All three come directly from overseas assignments.

Chaplain Barry, a Paulist father, was connected with the Nineteenth Naval Construction Battalion, during which time he was a staff member of hospitals on many of the SWP's famous stepping stones, including Guadalcanal. Latest duty was at Fleet Hospital 105 at Noumea, New Caledonia. Father Barry's home is in Orleans, N. Y.

Father Farrell reported aboard from the battleship USS Massachusetts. He is scheduled for discharge soon and will go back to his home in San Francisco and work in that Diocese.

Largest of the chaplains, Father Gruber stands six foot six and tips the scales at 265 pounds. A passionist missionary, his home is at St. Paul's Monastery in Detroit, Mich. He reported from duty at Fleet Hospital 107, Guadalcanal, and 105, Noumea. Chaplains Gruber and Barry saw duty in New Caledonia at the same time.

A recent survey was made to determine why men get up in the middle of the night. Only 2.4 per cent of those who do really have to, while 1.6 per cent think they're hungry and go to forage in the refrigerator. The other 96 per cent get up to go home.

Presenting Miss Kennedy



Miss Kennedy

Miss Nathalie Kennedy is the new Deputy Field Director at Oak Knoll. Prior to her entrance into Red Cross in August, 1943, Miss Kennedy worked for four years in Social Welfare work in New York. She has served with the Red Cross at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D. C., Westbank Naval Hospital in the Canal Zone, and the 262nd General Hospital at Fort Clayton.

Golf Greats Smash Driving Range Records Here --- Putting it Mildly



Hospital crowds watch amazed as Lord Byron of the Fairways send a phenomenal drive over the broad expanses of Oak Knoll's driving range during the visit of the four professionals last week. Kneeling in the background are (left to right): hard-hitting Jimmy Thompson, smashing Herman Barren, Jug McSpaden and Eddie Duino, active president of the Pacific Golfers Association, sponsors of the performance. Many Oak Knoll golfers watched the professionals, including Captain A. H. Dearing, Medical Officer in Command.

Fresh from the laurels of the San Francisco Open Golf Tournament, four of the world's leading golfers appeared at Oak Knoll's driving range earlier this week. Leading this list of top-flight professional demonstrators was Byron Nelson, recognized by most critics as the greatest golfer on the links today. Along with "Lord Byron of the fairways" were Harold "Jug" McSpaden, Oklahoma trick shot artist and tournament professional rated with the best; long-shot Jimmy Thompson, acclaimed the longest hitting golfer in professional circles; and Herman Barren, runner-up in the San Francisco Open.

Nelson was introduced by Earl Fry, one of the five golfing Frys, leading Bay Area pros, and promoter for the exhibition. Nelson gave a short lesson to the large attending crowd on the proper form and stance upon which his record shattering wallop is based, followed by a driving demonstration that left his audience amazed at the ease with which he placed ball after ball out past the farthest marker on the range.

McSpaden gave a classic performance on how to avoid obstacles in the fairway with some well controlled hooks and slices, low and high. Jimmy Thompson followed with a dynamic exhibition of the powerful stroke that enables him to set records for distance up to 340 yards. Barren demonstrated the steady, straight drive that allowed him to push through to a second spot in the San Francisco Tournament. All four men demonstrated trick iron shots, the tough, short strokes that are so necessary to a low handicap.

Eddie Duino, president of the Pacific Golfers Association, was on hand and gave a short talk thanking the professionals for their cooperation and explaining several little known professional facts about them.

Earl Fry has shown an intense interest in Oak Knoll patients and staff interested in golf. It was largely through his efforts that the excellent driving range was established some months back. Golf, long the leading sport of American business and professional men, is fast growing in popularity. Oak Knollers wishing to take up the game may take advantage of professional instruction offered at Lake Chabot Golf Club. Welfare and Recreation, under Lt. (jg) Andrew Gavron, responsible for Tuesday's demonstration, is in charge of this activity.

"Dear Skipper"

(Following are excerpts from telegrams received at this command from Oak Knollers on leave—who want more!)

"DEAR SIR, HAVE HOPES OF GETTING MARRIED. REQUEST THIRTY DAY EXTENSION OF LEAVE."

"REQUEST FIFTEEN DAY EXTENSION. HAVE NO FUNDS FOR RETURN TRIP AS YET."

"DEAR SIR, NOBODY SICK NOBODY DEAD, FEELING FINE REQUEST FIFTEEN DAY EXTENSION."

"DEAR SIR, REQUEST THIRTY DAY EXTENSION TO CONValescent LEAVE. IF GRANTED WILL GET MARRIED."

"REQUEST FIVE DAY EXTENSION TO GO ON EXTENSIVE ELK HUNTING TRIP."

"WOULD LIKE FIVE DAY EXTENSION ON LEAVE TO HELP AGED PARENTS SLAUGHTER HOGS. NO OTHER HELP AVAILABLE."

There was an old woman
Who lived in a shoe.
Hard to get an apartment
Isn't it?

To buy..sell..rent..

or Sale...

Rolleicord Model 2 camera, with flash and other accessories like new. Good buy. See ChPhoM R. M. Cudabac, PhotoGraphic Arts Dept., Ext. 183.

Radio, three-way portable. Phone TRinidad 0441.

Three piece bedroom suite, with box spring and mattress. Good condition. \$65. See PhM3c R. A. Anderson, Ward 51A, Dr.'s office.

One custom-built baby carriage. Well-known make. Nearly perfect condition. Will sacrifice for \$25. See PhM3c R. A. Anderson, Ward 51A, Dr.'s office.

For Rent...

Apartment, completely furnished. TRinidad 0441.

Apartment For Rent. Approximately two miles from hospital near Mills College. Gas heat, modernly equipped. Must buy certain furniture. Contact A. Cousino at Marine Detachment.

Found...

Wrist watch, in Bldg. No. 35. May be had upon identification. Contact PhM2c M. R. Meeks at O. P. D.

Lost...

Woman's Elgin watch. Lost at all hands dance, ship's service, 21 January. Call Welfare and Recreation, Ext. 263.

Wallet, brown leather; contains ID card, pictures, \$30. Reward. Contact M. Stein, 25A.

Help Wanted...

Secretary wanted for woman physician in Oakland office. Located, 30th St., near Peralta Hospital. Medical shorthand not necessary. Phone evenings at TWinoaks 1443, or at TW. 1407, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons for an interview.

Dear Old Lady: Are you a little boy or a little girl?

Junior: Look, lady, what the hell else could I be?

The drunk stood on the corner singing "Amapola."

An airedale trotted up and said, "Okay, bud, you asked for it."

Fun for Oak Knoll Is Fun for Him

Lt. (jg) Andrew Gavron, Welfare and Recreation Officer, is the man responsible for half the fun at Oak Knoll. Almost all of the many sources of amusement for both patients and staff are under the supervision and arrangement of this good-natured line officer, one of the few staff officers in this branch on the compound.

One of his main duties in this job is the handling of all on and off the compound social activities. Hospital dances and parties aboard and ashore (exclusive of Red Cross parties), USO shows and other benefit performances are the first line of routine attractions offered by welfare and rec. Athletic competition and activity including ski trips, golf trips twice daily, the basketball and bowling teams are another branch of endeavor for this officer.

Mr. Gavron is also in charge of all ship's service attractions, and the maintenance of the driving range, the swimming pool, the amphitheater and the stables. The funds for the support of all activities come from outside donations.

Mr. Gavron is a staunch Californian. Born and educated in San Francisco, he plans to keep his permanent home here. He began the training for his present position ten years back as a student at San Francisco State College. Upon receipt of his bachelor's degree in education, Lt. Gavron went into recreational work for the City of San Francisco.

With this background plus some teaching he enlisted in the Navy as an apprentice seaman in September of 1942. Enduring the usual rigors of boot training in San Diego, Mr. Gavron proceeded to the Navy pre-flight school at St. Mary's College, Moraga, Calif., for duty. He remained there until June, 1944, where he rose to SK2c.

Mr. Gavron was commissioned in June, 1944, and was sent to sea with the armed guard of the liberty ship SS Edward Lander, as



Mr. Gavron

A Navy of Atomic Subs is Foreseen

(SEA).—A Navy of submarines operating 1,000 feet below the surface of the ocean as fast as ships now operate on the surface is one of the possibilities of the atomic age foreseen by a 30-year-old physicist testifying before the Senate Atomic Energy Committee.

And these submarines, powered by atomic energy, would be "the safest place on this tortured planet," according to the prophet, Dr. Alvin M. Weinberg, chief of the theoretical physics section of the Clinton Ridge Laboratories in the Oak Ridge, Tenn., atomic bomb plant.

"The atomic fire at Hanford (the atomic bomb plant in Washington state) burns without oxygen," Dr. Weinberg said. "Here is an ideal fuel for use in a submarine." He also said that one pound of "fissionable" material releases as much energy as several million pounds of ordinary fuel, and because of its portability, would be economical in places like the Arctic. Space travel that now seems fantastic would have to be considered as a serious possibility, he added.

Two young models were attending an art exhibit one afternoon when one suddenly grabbed her friend by the arm and, pointing at a particularly daring canvas, exclaimed, "Why, Jane, that's a portrait of you. I didn't know you posed in the nude!" "I don't," replied Jane grimly, "the rat must have painted it from memory."

Gentlemen may prefer blondes but it has always been our suspicion that the fact blondes know what men prefer has a lot to do with it.

gunnery officer. On his tour of duty aboard the Lander, Lt. Gavron covered such territory as the Gilbert and Marshall Islands, New Guinea and the Philippines, where the ship participated in several landings. From this work he came directly to his post at Oak Knoll.

Mr. Gavron plans to reenter school when he receives his discharge, this time choosing Stanford as the site for further studies in education.

A Pleasant Point Accumulator



Here's a young sailor with points for looks to spare. He's Michael Coy, 3, son of SK(D)1c Charles Coy, of the disbursing office, and Mrs. Mary Rita Coy.

Although bluejacket Mike can donate points for looks to his pappy, BUPERS won't accept more than the ten that he and his mom rate regularly under the ALNAVS. In the meantime, Charlie stays disbursing in disbursing waiting for the grand thaw that will send his family and him back to Louisville.

Off the Bookshelf

New books in the library include several popular novels:

Heth: *Any Number Can Play*. (The story of a gambler.)

Partridge: *January Thaw*. (An old Connecticut farmhouse is claimed by two families.)

Robinson: *The Perfect Round*. (Hudson river story of a discharged soldier.)

Schrag: *Sons of the Morning*. (The problem of bringing a French wife into a small New England community.)

Wylie: *Ho, The Fair Wind*. (Just after the Civil War in Martha's Vineyard, a colorful love story.)

Mrs. Perkins, new sorority head, stated she saw nothing wrong in co-eds accepting dates with college men as long as they were home and in bed by eleven.

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GENTLEMEN, IF YOU CAN CLIMB MT. EVEREST YOU WILL HAVE REACHED THE GREATEST HEIGHT KNOWN TO MAN. YOU WILL BE THE FIRST ABLE TO CONQUER IT.



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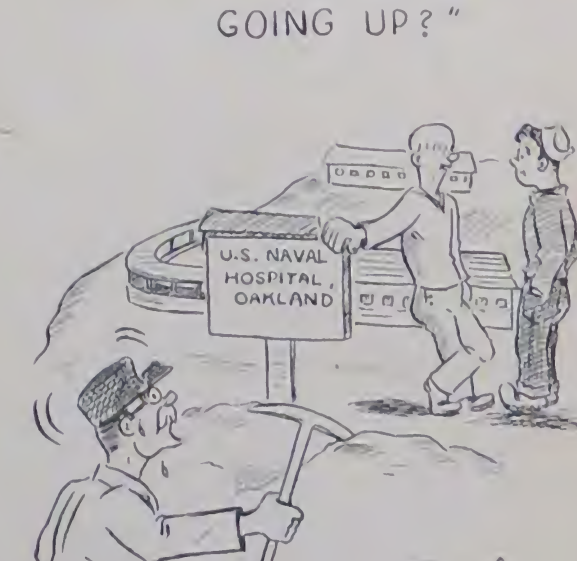
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GOING UP?"

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Holding Armfuls at All Hands Dance



Representing the blonde contingency at a recent all hands slip-and-trip was staff lovely, Agnes Murphy, who, completely oblivious to the camera, dances by with an armful of corpsman Johnny Boyd. Observe apparent ear-banging. At the right is beauteous Bette Powelson, pal to MaM3c Jerry Raske. Mr. Raske is on some ward here and Miss Powelson, a civilian, is engaged. They, of course, didn't know the picture was being taken either.

Scuttlebutt

The carriers, Transportation, hurled a party vehicle into Havenscourt American Legion last Thursday night. Tanks were well filled by W. K. Manning and F. C. Bonner.

Chubby Wood and L. J. Camp slid into high gear easily with F. A. Wilbur making little or no attempt to put on the brakes. Pretty soon the whole crew was on wheels and what started out as a dance ended up as an Indianapolis Speedway.

Trying to calm the crowd were J. W. Parsons and S. F. Billets. Howard Creed, never a flat tire on any track, was well inflated, practically bursting with joy. Outside changing tires a good part of the evening were D. F. Curtis and R. A. Price. Oiled along with the machine were J. D. Embrey and Ski Morozowski. P. T. Quinn held a firm clutch on the Acme Champagne while T. H. Dohl did his share to assure a fluid drive for all hands. G. T. Meyer, Red Thomas and M. E. Harp were competent backseat drivers.

All in all, the party, with the exception that it was practically barren of women, was something worth shipping over for. And, if there had been a recruiting yeoman there that night, most of the celebrants probably would have.

Monday night's all hands dance found Joe Wheitzen and Bobby Atkins, who has the most beautiful big brown eyes, closer than Na & Cl.

There's also a Walt Disney fantasy in the lab. Snow White Jean Mollett is surrounded in serology by Seven Dwarfs. And what Snow White and Seven Dwarfs are doing in serology, BUMED only knows!

Since last Saturday's gate inspection, small stores has a white

sox surplus, while black hose are getting as scarce as nylons. Plenty quick Rowe-tation.

There's a sad little blonde girl who works in Medical Stores who is sadder than ever since Pinky Peck's orders to Cairo came, and Pinky went. Confidentially, we think the romance Sphinx. Peck, a trained photographer, zoomed toward Egypt, on a special lens mission. He was one of the compound's best and took several outstanding Oak Leaf pix including the green snow-over-Oak Knoll Christmas view.

Coming in blind (from the pouring rain) the other night, George Berthiaume stopped us at the gate to repeat the one about the young lady on a train. Said young lady was traveling with two sailors in the same compartment. "My name's Paul," the first introduced himself, "but I'm no apostle." The second sailor said, "Well, my name's Peter, but I'm no saint." Unhesitatingly the young lady replied, "My name's Mary, and I don't know what to say."

Shooting the breeze at an impromptu reunion in Manila, two Texas Grads who hadn't seen each other since they left college, discovered they were both in the cattle business.

"How many head you runnin?" asked A.

"About 100,000," replied B. "How many you runnin?"

"Oh, I dunno," came the nonchalant answer, "somewhere between 350 and 400 thousand."

"You know," confided B, "I'll bet we're the two biggest bullshippers in the whole country."

MAA: Listen, buddy, don't you know there's a law against sitting there making goo-goo eyes?

Jack: Aw, forget it, when a fellow has to goo, he has to goo.

SPORTS

Latest reports on the progress of the 12 ND male basketball hospital league shows Oak Knoll trailing for first position slightly, but still in top competition for the pennant.

Doing definite damage to league chances was the upset loss to San Leandro Hospital 51 to 36. In spite of the fact that the Knollers were having an off night, they played a fast, well-coordinated game that kept the Hilltoppers on their toes. Gilberg, lightfooted guard for the Oaklanders, held high score honors for the evening with 14 points gained entirely on field goals. Jones followed with 13.

Added to other handicaps, the cage squad has another league to contend with. Playing their first game last week the team entered competition in the Hayward regional league made up of both service and civilian teams.

So far results are good. The initial game ended in a victory for the hospital, opponents being the lanky Centerville five. The civilians played a well-balanced, steady game but proved unable to stop the erratic sailors, who, after dropping the San Leandro battle the night before, stepped out and silenced Centerville to the tune of 43 to 36. Forward Schaffer for Oakland collared 12 points to take top honors and Reeves and Jones were runners-up with 11 tallies each.

In the hospital league the Knollers have chalked up four wins, one each over Shoemaker and San Leandro and two over Alameda Naval Dispensary. The two losses that at present place the squad in second place were sacrificed to Treasure Island and San Leandro.

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Two games remain that will be the deciding factor in the final outcome of the league.

Following the visit of the professional golfers last week, the driving range was reopened under new management. Closed temporarily because of the weather and the discharge of Proctor, former custodian, the range is now under Welfare and Recreation's R. Jones of basketball fame and W. Dawson formerly of the Bowl Alley. Hours are from 1000 to 1600 daily, from 1200 to 1500 on Sunday.

Sound from the Grass Shack: "Hands off, Columbus, you've discovered enough tonight."

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By Penberthy



"EVERY NIGHT HE COMES IN AND DRINKS LIKE THE DEVIL"



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Marine Brass on Sick List Entitled To Promotion Now

First Lt. E. M. Drake, commanding officer, Marine Detachment, released good news for many Oak Knoll Marine officers this week. The release, by authority of ALNAV-29 of 21 January, advances to the next higher rank all Marine officers and warrant officers whose names have appeared on promotion lists but who were ruled ineligible for promotion by reason of physical disability or disqualification, or by reason of being under hospital treatment, on sick leave or sick list, or by reason of awaiting action of a Naval retirement board.

The appointments, made by the President on 15 January, affect both active members of the Marine Corps and the Marine Corps Reserve including the Women's Reserve. Promotion to the new rank is retroactive to the date the officer's name appeared on the promotions list, but pay in the new grade begins as of 15 January.

This action will affect several officers on the Marine Corps staff at Oak Knoll and many patients. Officers in the rank of Captain may decline appointment to retain eligibility for mustering-out pay.

There was no similar release of good news for enlisted Marine Corps personnel.

All's Not Fare; of A Meter-Cheater, Beware!

All hands at Oak Knoll who hire taxicabs are urged to be on the lookout for gyp drivers who have been overcharging service men and women on trips to the hospital from Oakland and San Francisco.

Maximum fares from 14th and Broadway in Oakland are \$2.50 and from San Francisco, \$7.50, whether there are one or five passengers in the cab. Victims of overcharging are asked to report the number of the cab and the time to Ens. M. A. Comstock, legal officer. Municipal laws, as well as voluntarily-imposed company regulations, are designed to protect riders from individual offending cab drivers.

Stars on Stage



Captain A. H. Dearing (MC) U.S.N., medical officer in command, awards the Silver Star to Cpl. L. V. Nelson at citation ceremonies held in ship's service auditorium.

March of Dimes Drive Nets Over \$500 Here

With pride this week, Oak Knoll turned over \$540.50 to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to aid in the care and treatment of victims of the disease. The sum was the return of the "March of Dimes," a volunteer campaign conducted annually throughout the country by the foundation.

The drive at Oak Knoll, under the direction of Ch. Pharm. Maurice Nye, security officer, was conducted Tuesday 22 January. Seventeen corpsmen and corps-Waves were detailed to separate sections of the compound to solicit Oak Knoll donations. Their total exceeded last year's by nearly \$350.

Case of the Week Returns

The popular "Oak Leaf" feature Case of the Week is back again in this issue on page six and will appear every week in forthcoming issues.

The articles graphically report unusual cases and are written by a staff doctor in an easy-to-understand layman's style.

If you're interested in the other fella', you'll read—and like—the Case of the Week.

200,000 Caught With Points Down

The Navy announced this week further cuts in point scores for discharge.

Effective March 15 and again on April 2, the latest changes are expected to make an additional 14,700 officers and 176,400 enlisted personnel eligible for release.

By April 2, reported V. Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, chief of naval personnel, the Navy's demobilization program will be two thirds completed. It now is scheduled to pass the half-way mark of 1,500,000 discharges by February 1.

The critical score for most enlisted men, last set at 32 points for release after March 2, is reduced to 31 points effective March 15 and 30 points effective April 2, the Navy statement said.

For male commissioned and warrant officers, the March 2 score of 39 is dropped to 38 after March 15 and 37 after April 2.

For women officers, the March 2 requirement of 27 points will continue in effect until April 2, when it will drop to 26.

For enlisted women, the March 2 requirement of 21 points will continue in effect until April 2, when it will drop to 20.

For male doctors, the March 2 score of 49 is reduced to 48 after March 15 and 47 after April 2.

Male yeomen; storekeepers; storekeepers (disbursing); specialists I, X and T; hospital corpsmen (THT) and HA (OT) will be released March 15 with a total of 38 points. This total drops to 36 on April 2.

Female yeomen, storekeepers, and storekeepers (disbursing) will require 24 points to be released on March 15 and 23 points for discharge on April 2.

"In the case of enlisted personnel in these classifications, it is anticipated that on or before June 2, 1946, we shall be able to effect further reduction which will bring their scores on a par with general scores for all men and women enlisted personnel."

Meanwhile the Navy announced it had granted 1,434,054 discharges from V-J Day to the start of this week. Discharges last week totaled 74,453.

Sailors Replace Marine Patients Of Security Guard

Gone are the snappy Marines of the Security Guard who for over two years have stood silent sentinel at the main gate. In their place now stands a newly organized crew of pharmacists' mates and recently attached seamen, forming a staff security guard.

Lt. (jg) H. A. Liermann, (HC) U.S.N. has been designated officer in charge of this new group by Captain Harvey E. Robins, (MC) U.S.N., executive officer. In order to maintain a closer supervision over the work of the guard, an assistant provost marshal has been appointed. His offices will be at the master-at-arms shack at the main gate.

To the staff seamen fall the duties of guarding inmates of the brig. Theirs is the responsibility for conduct and care of all prisoners in the brig and brig ward. At the main gate, pharmacists' mates greet all persons entering the hospital by automobile as well as maintain constant fence patrols to insure that everyone entering or leaving the base does so with proper authority.

The task of guarding the hospital buildings during the nocturnal watches is handled by the same corps of civilian night watchmen who did this job before.

Hospital administrators are certain that the new group will maintain the same rigid standards of efficiency as have the Marines in the past. A hospital corps officer will be on duty at the gate at all times. The assistant provost marshal will be relieved by an assistant officer of the day outside of regular duty hours.



"HERE'S MUD IN YOUR EYE, JOE!"

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An Editorial on Editorials

It's no secret to the editors of this paper that few people at Oak Knoll read our editorials. Nor is it a secret that those who do read them invariably reflect the higher level of intelligence among the thorough newspaper readers. The latter observation is not back-slapping. Our editorials aren't that good. The remark is only a patent observation.

Surveys indicate that over seventy per cent of the newspaper-reading public consistently read the comics. From results gathered by a poll of Columbia, Mo., citizens, which was taken by the Missouri University School of Journalism, it was learned that less than twenty per cent of newspaper readers read daily editorials regularly.

The wide difference between percentages are by no means a disparaging comment on American civilization. We honestly mean that. We think that, if anything, the figure indicates a national good humor, and exceptionally good work on the part of artists contrasted with perhaps only mediocre achievement on the part of editorialists.

However, newspapers—and this one is no exception—do not print editorials merely to fill space. Nor do they necessarily print them to air antipathies or to laud the favored.

We choose to feel that editorials are written by serious-minded people who would serve as a sounding board as much as a leader, as a reflector as well as a lamp. Thus, we urge you to give more attention to them in your newspaper at home as well as here. If their tone does not strike you harmoniously, assay yourself. Do a little writing yourself to your newspaper. The editorial light illuminates one of this nation's most cherished possessions. Keep it in constant repair with fresh fuel from your own mind, lest it falter and extinguish itself—and you.



"BLAST YOU, MENDOZA"

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

When Bad Men Combine, The Good Must Associate

If the service of Christ cannot be reached in any other way, the protagonist must despise the unreasonable obstacles and grow militant fighting spiritually for his rights, as Christ said. "I came to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother." (Matt. 10:35.)

We must not for a moment think that our Lord was here advocating discord among family members. What He meant to impress was that Conscience always comes first, since it is the voice of God. He was legislating for the emergency.

But above all He was impressing a principle—extending as it were His remarks on another occasion about the kingdom of heaven being in our power only at the price of violence. It is the old necessary fight between man and his arch-enemy Satan.

Spiritual writers have always and consistently spoken of the Church in a triple manner: The Church Triumphant, consisting of those who have conquered—who are in heaven; The Church Suffering, consisting of those who have been taken prisoners in the fray—who are in purgatory; The Church Militant, consisting of those who are in the thick of battle—who are on earth—we ourselves.

As members of this Church Militant we are all together in a common fight, just as the first Christians had theirs in holding up for the faith even to martyrdom; we know the old saying—"The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church."

And what is the fight which is our common one today? It seems a shame to have to say it, but the truth is the truth; today we must actually hold up for the existence of God—not whether He is to be served in this or that manner, but for His very existence—think of that.

When success is viewed through the eyes of the world, it means something quite different than when viewed through the eyes of Christ. Many whom the world praises as very successful have really gone woefully backward if judged according to the form of Christ's principles. Of Himself, it is said, that He was the stone which the builders rejected, but which became the cornerstone of the edifice.

Christian success is a term not easily understood unless Christ's system is understood. We must therefore consider Christ's system, we would enter more intelligently into this subject.

We are told that we must better ourselves. Now, in what does that betterment consist? In the first place, we must be sure that we understand what Christ's idea of progress was. He placed the condition of progress in bearing the cross. The Cross seems to drag us down, but in reality it lifts us up. On Calvary, Christ Himself seemed a perfect failure, but was He?

Unless we look through Christ's eyes we also get a false idea of equality. Christ did not see human nature in any other light than its true light—the light of individual need and ability. Socialism inclines to overlook the individual's weakness or ability, and strives to make everyone equal in every fact. The advocates of this theory insist on its power of uniformity; but they fail to realize that this very uniformity turns out to be a boomerang. A moderate amount of uniformity suits man's nature very well; but too much of it sooner or later causes him inquietude and in the end inevitably arouses his revolutionary spirit.

Modern thought seeks to tear life away from religion, saying that religion holds men back. Modern science, in fact, mocks religion—treats it as if there were no success at all to be expected from its guidance. But are we to hope for progress from cynics, whose whole desire is to tear down?

The modern world as a whole seems to have gone mad on the theory that a man, to be successful, must possess wealth. This false idea of success has given full rein to the greatest evil of our social fabric—greed and all its effects, especially crime.

Christians themselves are often infected with these false ideas of Christian success. Let them change their opinion about this matter and humbly take Christ's word for it that it is really better to have less of this world's goods with spiritual contentment than more with guilt and misery.

Before we can hope to make any progress according to Christ we must at least make good for our sins. A little self-denial, in order to make good those sins, is certainly in order.

And let us not forget that with all our trying, we cannot hope to succeed of ourselves; God must give us the grace, and we must have this grace of Him by much prayer.

CHAPLAIN NICHOLAS F. GRUBER

Officers Reporting:

Lt. Edward F. Mee (MC) U.S.N.R.; Lt. (jg) Thaddeus M. Klabacha (MC) U.S.N.R.; Comdr. Jack Rowlett (MC) U.S.N.R.; Lt. Robert P. Beverett (HC) U.S.N.

Officers Detached:

Comdr. Leo H. Garland MC(S) U.S.N.R.; Lt. (jg) Edward A. Millar (MC) U.S.N.R.; Lt. Alan R. Crain (MC) U.S.N.R.; Frank E. Polmeteer (MC) U.S.N.R.; Charles G. Farrell (ChC) U.S.N.R.

Maurice Anger to Entertain Officers



Anger at the Piano

Bay Area dance favorite Maurice Anger and his orchestra will provide the musical entertainment for Oak Knoll gold braid at the first ball of the 1946 social season scheduled for this evening. The dance will start at 2030 and last till 0030.

A 'baby watch' will be provided, allowing officer parents to check children at the Club during the evening. Arrangements for the party are under the direction of Lt. Comdr. William M. Adams.

Oak Leaf Scuttlebutt Quoted in Quarterly

The January issue of the *Hospital Corps Quarterly*, national BUMED publication, reprints for the first time a portion of *Oak Leaf* copy. Selected for the signal honor is, of all things, a Scuttlebutt column which appeared in the paper here several weeks ago. It was our "postwar readjustment" column in which Scuttlebutt editors avowed to re-educate civilians instead of having civilians re-educate them. To aid in the process, a list of daffynitions for the non-military were provided, such as "deck" meaning 52 playing cards, "head" meaning the part of a nail you hit, and further intentional word-twisting.

Also, along the reprint line, there is another Penberthian masterpiece in the January *All Hands*, BUPERS magazine. The *Oak Leaf* art editor's work has been frequently borrowed by both *All Hands* and the *Quarterly*.

Army-Trained Doctors To Be Called July 1

Washington (CNS)—More than 5,000 young medical officers, trained by ASTP and now serving internships, will be called to active duty on July 1 to replace Medical Corps officers who are eligible for discharge, the War Department announced.

About 3,300 enlisted men in the specialized training program will graduate by that time but won't be called to active duty until they have completed internships.

GIs in ASTP now taking freshmen, sophomore, and junior medical courses will be separated from the program in March. Those who decide to continue medical studies will be transferred to the Enlisted Reserve Corps, and those who don't will be given other military assignments.

Downtown Y Schedules Rehabilitation Class

The Central Y.M.C.A. in Oakland, continuing emphasis on its "welcome home" program for veterans, has now inaugurated a physical rehabilitation plan for discharges. This is available to all men, free of charge, who are physically handicapped.

Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday from 1000 to 1200. Specially trained men are on hand to give a scientific physical fitness program to disabled veterans.

Phoning Home Will Be Easier, Faster After New Center Opens 5 February

In order to handle the flood of calls from newly-arrived patients to their homes with a greater convenience, a new telephone center will officially open Tuesday 5 February. Located in the old chapel building, this new center will replace the old center in ship's service and will be able to handle twice the volume of service.

There will be 17 new booths in the luxurious lobby and writing-room, where patients and staff are invited to come in and enjoy themselves whether placing calls or not. The new center will be operated in the same manner as the old installation. Four booths will be reserved for incoming long distance calls only. The rest of the phones will be available for local and long

distance service. Overseas veterans will have first priority on long distance lines.

The center is under the management of Mr. E. W. Cannon, hospital telephone manager for both Oak Knoll and San Leandro. Hours of the center are from 0900 to 2100, Monday through Friday, and from 1100 to 2000 on Saturday and Sunday.

At the behest of Capt. A. H. Dearing (MC) U.S.N., medical officer in command, an advance opening of the center was secured. This move allowed full utilization of partially-completed facilities and aided long distance communications for scores of patients and staff members here.

Many Ships Tied Up For Lack of Crews

(SEA)—More than 60 ships, including six troopships, are delayed due to shortage of crews, according to a War Shipping Administration announcement which emphasized that the Merchant Marine needs 1,000 officers and 10,000 men immediately.

The WSA appealed to men with sea experience to return to the ships in order that troops, relief and food supplies may continue to move.

Divine Winds Go Up in Smoke



(Official Navy Photo; SEA)

More than fifty kamikaze planes are set afire by Marines at the former Jap Air Base, Sasebo, Northern Kyushu Island. The planes were first sprayed with gasoline fire jelly, then lighted off by two flame-throwing tanks. The suicide pilots were not in the planes.

Marine Discharges Ahead of Quotas

(SEA)—Demobilization of Marines is running six weeks ahead of schedule, Gen. A. A. Vandergift, Marine Corps Commandant, announced. Over 150,000 Marines have been discharged since the war's end.

On V-J Day the strength of the Corps was 484,631. By 7 December a total of 151,146 had been released. To expedite discharges, Marine replacements are being sent overseas in increasing numbers to relieve high-point men.

Fifteen Men Cited At Indoor Rites

Fifteen Naval and Marine Corps officers and enlisted men were honored 19 January, at the first indoor citations ceremony at Oak Knoll in over a year. Captain A. H. Dearing (MC) U.S.N., medical officer in command, made the presentations and Captain Harvey E. Robins, (MC) U.S.N., executive officer, read the citations.

Receiving the highest award presented, the Silver Star, were Lt. Charles W. Reynolds, (MC) U.S.N.; Ens. Richard H. Simmonds, U.S.N.R., and Cpl. Louis V. Nelson, U.S.M.C.R.

Bronze Stars were awarded Sgt. Bobbie D. Lewis, U.S.M.C.R., and Pfc. Michael A. Sciarappa, U.S. M.C.R. ARM2c Clarence R. Mortensen, U.S.N., was the winner of the lone Air Medal awarded.

Commendation Ribbons were presented to Comdr. Dennis C. Lyndon, U.S.N., and S1c Gottfried Eman, U.S.N. Lt. John W. Harper, (MC) U.S.N.R., was the recipient of the Presidential Unit Citation.

Receiving Navy Unit Commendation Ribbons were Lt. George H. Parker, (HC) U.S.N.; PhM3c Donald D. Stiles, U.S.N.R.; HA1c Robert E. Schultz, U.S.N.R.; HA2c Peter H. Schmidt, U.S.N.R. Captain Sidney F. Jenkins, U.S.M.C., and PhM2c Robert O. Crawford, U.S.N., received the concluding award, the Army Distinguished Unit Badge.

Divine Services

Protestant:
Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, J. A. Talley, A. T. L. Armstrong, W. F. Summers.
Sunday—
Morning Service 1000
Communion Service 1100
Evening Vespers 1930
Weekday—
Morning Devotions 0730
Vesper Service 1600
Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800
Choir—Tuesday & Thursday, 1400-1500.
Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.
Christian Science:
Warline minister will be at the reception office in the Chapel every Tuesday at 1400 to 1600.
L. D. S. (Mormon):
Services 1930 Thursday.

Catholic:
Chaplain—Donald L. Barry.
Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130.
Saturday Mass—0630 and 1630.
Weekday Mass—1630.
Confessions before all Masses.
Novena and Benediction, 1830 Tuesday.
Catholic Chaplain's offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.
Jewish:
Divine Service—2000 Friday, conducted by Mr. Bernard Miran.
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1900 to 2000 on Fridays.

Movie Schedule

First Show, 1715; Second Show, 1930
Sat., 2 Feb., Irish Eyes Are Smiling, Monte Woolley and June Haver.
Sun., 3 Feb., Jessie James, Tyrone Power and Nancy Kelly.
Mon., 4 Feb., Meet Me In St. Louis, Judy Garland and Margaret O'Brien.
Tues., 5 Feb., Miss Susie Slagle's, Sonny Tufts and Veronica Lake.
Wed., 6 Feb., Danny Boy, Buz Henry.
Thurs., 7 Feb., Scotland Yard Investigator, Sir C. Aubrey Smith and Eric von Stroheim.
Fri., 8 Feb., Masquerade in Mexico, Dorothy Lamour and Arturo de Cordoba.

OAK LEAF PUBLIC HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

The past century has brought forth many advancements and new discoveries in medical and dental research as well as in other fields of science.

These various discoveries have been of inestimable value to practitioners of medicine and dentistry in the diagnosis and treatment of human ailments. This is particularly true in dentistry where the maintenance of the oral health of the public is the profession's main objective.

In keeping with this scientific advancement, but of more importance to the layman as an individual, is the improved, easily obtainable information he has at his disposal on the care of the mouth and teeth. Every public school has a hygiene class in which proper care of the mouth and teeth is taught. Every magazine carries advertisements exhorting us to brush our teeth with one kind of dentifrice or another. Hardly an evening passes without some radio announcer extolling the virtues of his particular dental product and urging you to "see your dentist twice a year."

In addition to the above there are a number of publications written in simple, understandable terms which describe proper methods of brushing the teeth, preventing soft tissue irritations and infections, and general rules of good dental health.

It should be noted here that we, as a nation, produce and eat a more abundant, more nourishing and better balanced diet than any other people on earth. It should be remembered also that our public is better informed on the care of the teeth than people of other nations by means of health publications and newspaper, radio and magazine advertising. In

ORAL HYGIENE IN HEALTH

By WILLIAM E. WALSTON

Lt. Comdr. (DC) U.S.N.R.

short, we are more "tooth conscious" than any other nation. It may be honestly stated that in knowledge and ability American dentistry leads the world.

With these facts in mind it might be assumed that our dental health is good. Compared with other nations of the world that may be true. Yet the horrible truth is that the mouths and teeth of a vast majority of Americans are in a deplorable unhealthy condition. Why?

The answer is found in several reasons. Carelessness is the first cause. People are frequently forgetting to brush their teeth or rinse out their mouths. Lack of pride and just plain laziness is another cause. Dirty teeth are not only unhealthy but also they detract from one's appearance. Yet some people don't have pride enough to do something about it or are just too lazy. Ignorance of the effects on the teeth and mouth of improper care, or total lack of care, is another reason. Many people do not realize that chronic infections of the gums and bone structure surrounding the teeth are a result of inadequate dental hygiene.

We all know that, to maintain good health, we must keep our bodies clean, have a sufficient, well balanced diet, get plenty of rest, sunshine, fresh air and exercise. We know, too, that to properly chew our food we must have good teeth and healthy gums. To have healthy, vital teeth and gums we must observe not only the general rules of health but also the special rules of oral health.

Not all, but most of us were given good, sound, well arranged teeth very early in life. That was a gift. Too many of us, however, have not taken care of that gift.

As a result of our lack of care we suffer with low grade gum infections that are the forerunners of pyorrhea. When an infection of the gums continues untreated and unchecked for a long period of time the bone surrounding the teeth becomes infected and the teeth become loose. This condition, pyorrhea, in its advanced stages usually has but one treatment—removal of the teeth in the areas involved.

Improper oral hygiene also causes cavities in the teeth. When a cavity becomes so large and deep that it reaches the nerve of the tooth the bacteria in the mouth infect the tooth, causing an abscess. Both conditions—pyorrhea and abscesses—pour toxins into the bloodstream and both conditions result in loss of the teeth.

That infections of the teeth and oral cavity can be the cause of chronic eye disorders, heart, lung, kidney and joint ailments is an established medical fact. But this isn't the only danger of dental infections. As we gradually lose our teeth our ability to properly chew our food is lessened. As a result the rest of our digestive system is overworked, causing possible gastro-intestinal disorders. Thus, for proper chewing function, it behooves us to retain as many of our teeth as we can.

Here are a few simple suggestions on the care of the teeth and gums.

Use a brush of medium hardness that has bristles all the same length, arranged in only two rows.

Brush your teeth at least twice a day for three to five minutes. Three times a day is even better. After meals is the best time as most of the soft food deposits around the teeth are easily removed. Before retiring at night should be the last brushing for the day.

Use a rotary motion in brushing, with the pressure being exerted away from the gums toward the tips of the teeth. Be sure to get the ends of the bristles in between the teeth. Rinse the mouth vigorously several times after brushing with warm water. This helps remove any debris you may not have removed while brushing.

If it is not convenient to brush your teeth after each meal, rinse your mouth vigorously several times with warm water, flushing the water forcibly between the teeth. This is no substitute for a thorough brushing later, however. A non-abrasive, non-astringent paste or powder of your own choice may be used. Remember the brush does the greater part of the work. Massage gums gently for a minute after brushing.

No one is immune to dental decay or oral infections. However, if you will follow closely the above suggestions your mouth will be healthier and cleaner, and you will have your own natural teeth longer.

Next week's Symposium article will deal with Tuberculosis. The contributing author will be Lt. Comdr. Gerald L. Crenshaw.

Gray Ladies Cater to Patients; Fill Orders from Cigarettes to Chicken Livers

The attractive young lady dressed in a pale gray uniform, arms piled high with pajamas, bed jackets, and cigarettes, climbing laboriously Oak Knoll's ramps, is a Red Cross Gray Lady. She belongs to that particular branch of Gray Lady known as Personal Service Gray Lady. Her function is to cater to all special needs of bed patients, such as letter-writing, shopping, receiving articles from the Red Cross storeroom, etc. Really extraordinary requests are filled whenever possible. For example, take the patient on Ward 74B who had a great hankering for chicken livers. Mrs. Allyn Woods, an expert cook, devised different methods of preparing chicken livers, and delivered her culinary triumphs to the patient every week on her regular visits.

A second classification of Gray Ladies are those known as Recreation Gray Ladies, their job it is to conduct informal afternoon parties or musical afternoons on various wards. There are several expert pianists in this group who play requests for the patients, accompany song fests, or conduct musical quizzes. Others assist in giving birthday parties, quiz parties, or simple informal card games. As a specialist service, Mrs. Ford Stidham spends many hours in reading to patients who are unable to read because of their particular disability. Children are entertained by her charming juvenile stories; eye patients on Ward 45B find dreary hours filled by her pleasant voice.

The Craft Gray Ladies are a third group, all highly skilled in

arts and crafts. They visit wards daily carrying various types of craft materials: pyracraft for making bracelets, earrings, etc; leather for wallets; and numerous other materials. They are experts in craft instruction and teach bed patients how to make colorful gifts for relatives at home. Then craft ladies return to these bed patient wards three times weekly to continue instructions and to rescue any patient hopelessly entangled in his rug yarn or braided into his lanyards.

Another department of the hospital in which Gray Ladies function is the library. Here they report to the head librarian and, with the assistance of a hospital corpsman, wheel book carts to various wards for the afternoon.

The sewing Gray Ladies perform

an invaluable service in sewing stripes and rates, shortening and lengthening, expanding and narrowing, whichever the need may be. Theirs is a large group, who sew daily from 1000 to 1600 on the second deck of ship's service. They also provide irons and boards—and even cookies to restore the waning energies.

Another group of Gray Ladies also functions at night on the wards. They are known as the Night Recreation Corps, and their job is to assist regular staff members in giving parties. This has been a faithful group of girls who have come to the hospital twice weekly for many months. Like the other Gray Ladies, Red Cross could not have functioned adequately without their invaluable assistance and loyal attendance.

When Sailors Formed Security Guard Marines Secured for First & Last Time

By Lt. A. W. Vinson, U.S.M.C.R.
Oak Knoll may not be "heaven," but until yesterday, when sailors took over, its gates were guarded by the United States Marines. Certain motorists and pedestrians who tried to bluff their way



Sergeant of the guard, Max E. Hall passes the word to "Prison Chasers" Cpl. Frank Miller and Pfc. Ralph Knipple.

through the main gate at odd hours or with flimsy excuses avowed that these stern sentries were certainly not in league with "heaven's" angels. But apparently they hadn't observed that when the full moon shines down on the hospital, the craters on the celestial beacon form a perfect Marine Corps insignia. (Through a telescope the wings of the eagle may seem a trifle snubbed.)

The business-like manner of these men who performed their duty before God—and with men—was that of the all-patient Security Guard.

Commander of the guard, Sgt. Bobby Lewis, was frequently seen "jeeping" the compound to oversee and supervise details and assignments of his 47 stalwarts. Sgt. Lewis didn't encounter difficulties very often because he dissolved potential issues with a smile as expansive as Texas. Add to this smile six feet, two inches and 215 pounds. He didn't need a Colt to make an automatic impression.

There were two police sergeants and a sergeant to recruit new members for the guard which, like other departments, had their manpower problems in large quantities.

Seventeen men rotated watches at the main gate. At the gate to Santa Cruz Island, housing quarters for staff members on the hill behind the officers' club, six sentries were responsible for the area. These members of the guard stood six hours on and had 24 off.

Four wardens, six turnkeys, five prison "chasers" and five guards on duty in the cellblocks comprised

the brig watch. These men stood eight hours on, had 32 off.

One man kept the night watch at the Bank of America facility on the compound. When bank runs involving large sums of money were made, the Security Guard was called upon to provide protection against any would-be cash kidnappers or bandits. Guards also escorted prisoners when they left the brig to go to any point on the compound or, when the case demanded, to any place outside the hospital limits.

Two of the men who frequently accompanied prisoners were Sgt. Frank "Pop" Miller and Cpl. Ralph "Red" Knipple. Pop has a game right leg and Red limps on his left. When they teamed up to flank a man, each looked as though he was walking with one foot in a hole.

During citation ceremonies, the guardsmen with two good legs and a sound right arm marched in the honor review. In the event of "double trouble" at any spot on the compound, all hands on duty at the time were ready to whip the situation into line with firm, but courteous orders.

Assisting the Security Guard in the performance of their duties, up until a few weeks ago when he mysteriously disappeared, was Buddy, a little black and white rat terrier. The faithful mascot would have nothing to do with anyone except members of the guard. Buddy left no parting indications that he was going on leave; so dog-napping is suspected.

Periodically a little red flag was placed on a white spot in the mid-



Smiling Sgt. Bobby D. Lewis, commander of the security guard, waving from his familiar jeep.

dle of the driveway to the main gate. Its purpose was to guide incoming motorists to the right. Outgoing motorists turning left were, of course, expected to swing around it. Somebody always rode over it and that was why a sentry never stood at the spot.

As neat in their barracks as they were on duty, the Security Guards had a perfect inspection record in 26B last year.

Exclusive Review Of 'Navy Nurse'

Into the staid, old oakpanelled Oak Leaf office this week, from the McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, came a book on nurses of the Navy, surprisingly titled *Navy Nurse*. Ah, thought we, a book about Navy nurses—a snap judgment abetted by the picture of three attractive Navy nurses on the book's blue jacket. (No one has to beat us over the head with a manuscript. When we see a book titled *Navy Nurse*, we know darn well it isn't about Waves.)

"Well," we well'd in our best editorial style, "no food for goats is this, but a novel to be well read and reviewed in our paper."

We summoned our literary editor, a pasty little character called Brownie who has a photographic mind. Brownie has been busy reading labels and seeing "The Lost Weekend" over and over and over again, usually with a bottle in each hand. Thus Brownie hasn't written many literary or art reviews for the paper lately. However, he thumbed through the book rather hurriedly (his fingers are a trifle nervous). He observed a rather sketchy reference to Oak Knoll and then, Ray Milland-like, rushed out to hock the typewriter. "Poor little old Brownie," we thought, if Milland doesn't win the academy award, he will.

But to get back to the book which, incidentally, will provide nostalgic enjoyment for nurses here, especially those with overseas duty. Written by Page Cooper (rank unknown) and dedicated "To my two dearest Lieutenants," the story is a competent editing of what appears to be a well-kept, complete set of diary notes.

To quote from the book's jacket cover. "In this war that was not fought by men alone there were American Navy Nurses on Adak, the barren black rock at the tip of the Aleutians, so desolate that not even a bush will grow in the ice and fog. These girls were in the jungles of New Guinea, working in field boots and dungarees, fighting mold and mosquitoes, bats and flying foxes while they patched the wounded Marines from Guadalcanal and Bougainville. . . ."

In all seriousness, we hold this rather dramatic book to be an excellent, deserved tribute to the magnificent service that the Navy Nurse rendered to the nation's wounded all over the world, under all types of inconveniences, throughout the war. We recommend that you read it, feeling certain you will enjoy these personal accounts of the splendid record of achievement compiled by the Corps.

Indian chief named Shortcake. Shortcake havum squaw. Shortcake die. Squaw bury Shortcake.

Vets-to-be Seek Him For Training Advice

Introducing the newly-arrived officer to whom many veterans-to-be are turning for help, Lt. (jg) C. G. Druley, officer in charge of educational services. Any problems confronting the returning



Lt. (jg) C. G. Druley
Educational Services Officer

serviceman regarding training he might need to face the job competition of civilian life are the problems of this genial former school administrator.

Before entering the Navy, Mr. Druley was superintendent of schools in a good many South Dakota and Minnesota towns. This more than qualifies him for the work he is now doing. Up until V-J Day his Navy experience consisted of a tour of duty aboard liberty ships in Atlantic waters. As a gunnery officer he assumed charge of the armed guard.

At the end of the war his former experience led BUPERS to detail him to his present work. He assumed duties as educational services officer at U. S. Naval Special Hospital at Banning, California, where he remained until coming here last month.

Mr. Druley has many plans for his department. His first expansion has been renovating and modernizing the carpentry and wood-working shop. Completely new equipment has been brought in and CCM Chester O. Robison has been placed in charge. All interested are invited to visit the shop in Bldg. 102.

Supervision of counseling of veterans returning to school is another major job for Lt. Druley. Comprehensive tests covering any field a man might choose are given to determine aptitude. Then plans are made for the right school and courses. Competent Wave officers, experienced in this field, do the counseling.

Mr. Druley plans to return to school administration in Minnesota upon his release in March.

Our Doctor

Firmly fixed in the appreciative and respectful eye of the compound is capable Comdr. Russell Fletcher, chief of E.E.N.T. service, a veteran of three and a half years of adroit medical service to the Navy.

Dr. Fletcher received his A.B.



Comdr. Russell Fletcher
(MC) U.S.N.R.

from the University of California and then attended Harvard Medical school. Returning to his home state, he spent three years of internship at Stanford Hospital, where he specialized in ear, nose and throat treatment.

Entering the Navy in September of 1942, Comdr. Fletcher served on the staffs of Naval Hospitals at Long Beach and San Diego before reporting to Oak Knoll last August. His duties embrace supervision of both Wards 45 A and B and the clinic in the latter.

Eye, nose and throat work entails a great deal of treatment, along with consultation. It is closely associated with the surgical field though operations are not the predominating therapeutic method. Not only do staff members and patients attend the clinic but Naval dependents also report there for treatment, and the halls of 45 A are constantly packed with throngs of waiting patients.

Dr. Fletcher's happy eyes convincingly reveal the fact that he has enjoyed his Naval tour of duty. His future plans are to return to his home and family in Berkeley and to pursue his practice in his specialized field of work. During college days, he was active on the campus of U.C. where he managed the student joke-book, Pelican. His sports interest lies in the outdoors, and his favorite recreational activities are golfing and skiing. He has laid these away for "the duration" and hopes to pick them up again after his discharge.

MAA: Your honor, I admit I have been driving a bit fast, but I would like to point out that I am a Navy master-at-arms. . . .

Judge: \$10. Ignorance is no excuse.

CASE OF THE WEEK

Cast in Only One Role, But Rolled in Many Casts, is Story of Patient Brooks

By squatters' rights if nothing else, Marine Corporal Bernal Brooks of Trinidad, Colorado, should own a claim to some part of Oak Knoll as his very own. In fact, several parts of this hospital have been home to him, for he has bunked in the orthopedic, plastic, and peripheral nerve surgical wards successively.

Bernie is an example of the veteran for whom the war ended, in one sense, a year before V-J day, and yet has lasted in another sense long past that time. For he was shot in the left arm by a Jap dum-dum way back on July 24, 1944, on Tinian Island. His Jap-fighting days were over then and there, but he has been fighting a new battle ever since.

When Bernie was hit, the impact of the bullet spun him around. After recovering his balance he was chilled by the sensation that his arm had been shot cleanly off, and there was good explanation for such a feeling, for all three of the main nerves to that arm, as well as the bone, had been severed. He was hardly able to believe his senses when he saw the arm still present, and had to clutch it with his good hand for proof.

A corpsman put a tourniquet on the arm and in about 40 minutes the wound was dressed and Bernie was on the U.S.S. Fuller, the war ended for him. That night the wound was "debrided" (non-living tissue was removed) and the first of a long series of casts was applied to the arm. This was where the new battle was to begin. Bernie was just beginning to learn a theme song that is sometimes flaunted at the orthopedic surgery—"The Sawing is Ended, But the Malady Lingers On."

Bone Fragments Failed to Unite
The humerus was so badly shattered and blood circulation so much impaired the bone fragments failed to unite and heal. That this was a case of "non-union" was apparent by the time Bernie reached here in October, 1944. This meant that he would have to have an operation to stimulate the formation of "callus", which is the beginning of the process often called "knitting" of the injured bone ends.

But such an operation could not be performed until something was done about the severed nerves. So Bernie went to the peripheral nerve surgeons, who "explored" his arm last June and joined the severed ends of two nerves, the median and ulnar. This was done by a recently-developed technique which uses very fine sutures of a metal called tantalum. Tantalum has at least two advantages to the nerve surgeon—it causes less irritation to the tissues than other materials, and, since it can be seen in X-ray, enables him to tell whether or not the nerve ends have pulled apart after the operation.

Bernie's operation was successful, and by the middle of last August it was apparent that he would regain sensation and muscular ac-



Cpl. Bernal Brooks

tion over the distribution of the median and ulnar nerves. It was thought that the third nerve, the radial, might recover without operation, and so Bernie was turned over to the orthopedic surgeons.

Another operation followed immediately, in which the ends of the un-united bones were carefully dove-tailed so that healing would be encouraged. The result here was again successful, and now both the sawing and the malady are over.

Wounds Healed; No Cast

Bernie has just returned from a long convalescent leave. All of his wounds are healed. He wears no cast. Sensation and finger movement in his hand are returning. He is beginning to see a successful finish of his second battle.

Now that it is almost over, Bernie has decided that he's going to find out what this war was all about. He spends his mornings, after physiotherapy is over, reading up on the modern history leading to and through World War II. He helped make some of that history and now he just wants to make sure that's the way he "heard" it.

The lady of the house was entertaining her bridge club when the pattering of tiny feet was heard on the stairs. She raised her hand for silence.

"Hush," she said softly, "the children are going to deliver their goodnight message. It always gives me such a feeling of reverence to hear them. . . . Listen!"

There was a moment of silence. . . . then shyly: "Mamma, Willie found a bedbug."

First mosquito: Oh, oh, here comes a new chief. . . .

Second mosquito: Good, let's stick him for drinks!

To buy..sell..rent..

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Apartment (furnished) in vicinity of Oak Knoll Hospital or East Oakland. Close to Transportation. Please see Lt. Drake, Marine Detachment, Bldg. No. 133 or call Ext. 292.

For Sale . . .

Ice box, all metal; 50 lb., \$12. Contact hospital telephone operator. Lot, by owner. On Truman Ave. east of MacArthur, near 90th Ave. HU 1435.

Three piece bedroom suite, with box spring and mattress. Good condition. \$65. See PhM3c R. Anderson; Ward 51A, Dr.'s office.

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Housing accommodations for families, couples and singles at residential hotel operated on American plan with excellent food and warm, comfortable rooms. Rate both daily and weekly. Located in a desirable part of Alameda convenient for transportation. Palms Residential Hotel, 200 Central Avenue, Alameda. Tel. LAkehurst 2-2945.

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Want ride to Kansas City, Missouri. Leaving around 2 March. Share expenses. Phone Ext. 230 Oak Leaf office.

"All right back there?" yelled conductor on the street car.

"Hold on," said a feminine voice. "wait until I get my clothes on."

All the male riders turned and stared. The girl got on with a basket of laundry.

Officer: Why didn't you salute me when I passed this morning?

HA2c: I didn't see you, sir.

Officer: Good, I was afraid you were mad at me.

Corpsman's Dilemma... by F2c Bill Roberson



'Klondike Kapers' Brought a Kute Kollection of Shapes of Yesteryear



Above are two scenes from the musical variety review, "Klondike Kapers," one of the many recent professional stage shows that pleased Oak Knoll audiences. As the dated costumes indicate, the gay nineties was the theme of the show. The first shot is a view of one of the largely feminine acts and a tap dancer, while on the right is a group photo of the cast. Armed Forces Entertainment Committee was sponsor.

Disbursing Office Notice TO RATIONS ONLY PATIENTS

Navy patients who are at this hospital for rations only are usually paid within two days after their arrival. Amounts due are posted on Navy money list on ramp at rear of administration building. Payments are usually made at 1300, so patients should check the money list each morning until their name appears.

Love is the only game that isn't called on account of darkness.

A CPhM arrived home at three in the morning. "Well, home is the best place after all, isn't it?" yelled his wife. "I wouldn't know," he remarked, "but it's the only place that's open."

Student: Why didn't I make 100 on my history test?

Teacher: Do you remember the question, "Why did the pioneers go into the wilderness?"

Student: Yes.

Teacher: Well, your answer, while very interesting, was incorrect.

"Say, old man, why don't you take that bus home?"

"Sno use. My wife would never let me keep it in the house."

New Additions to the Bookshelf

Two books on railroading recently added are:

Hubbard: *Railroad Avenue*. (Great stories and legends of American railroading.)

Robertson: *Slow Train to Yesterday*. (The short line railroad.)

About the war, there are several new titles:

Beecher: *All Brave Sailors*. (The story of the S.S. Booker T. Washington.)

Huie: *From Omaha to Okinawa*. (The Seabees at war.)

Markey: *Well Done!* (The Essex in battle action.)

Skidmore: *More Lives Than One*. (Story of the Air Force support men.)

World affairs and history rate some attention these days, with information to be gained from some of the following books:

Brogan: *The Free State*. (Why it is the best, and why the Germans have never been able to develop such a state.)

Hauser: *The German Talks Back*.

Mary had a little watch;
She swallowed it. It's gone.
Now everywhere that Mary walks;
Time — marches on.

(Why Germany is likely to prefer Russia to the United States.)

Peffer: *America's Place in The World*. (Should we choose imperialism or international cooperation in the post-war world?)

Roth: *Dilemma in Japan*. (The alternatives of a temporary truce or complete reform are presented.)

Wilson: *Air Power for Peace*. (Air power, including both military and commercial planes, is appraised in relation to military and economic security.)

Bryant: *Years of Victory*. (Study of the decade before Napoleon's defeat, which has many parallels to the present time.)

Schlesinger: *The Age of Jackson*. (An outstanding book combining history and biography.)

By way of relaxation, the library suggests some new who-dun-it's:

McCloy: *The One That Got Away*.

MacDougald: *The Whistling Legs*.

Odium: *The Mirabilis Diamond*.

Quentin: *Puzzle for Wantons*.

CPhM: Where in hell have I seen you before?

2nd CPhM: What part of hell are you from?

Insurance Notice

1. If you have been on the sick list for six (6) continuous months or longer, you are entitled to the return of your insurance premiums. (That is, those premiums which you paid while you were sick.)

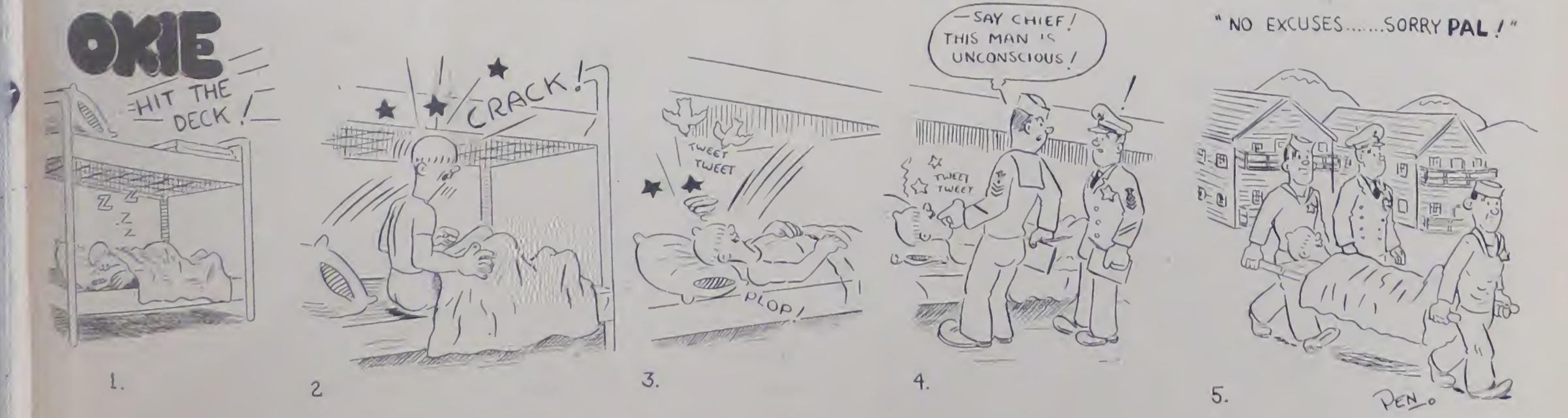
2. Or, if you are a former Prisoner of War, you may have certain rights as far as your insurance is concerned, which you might not otherwise have.

3. If either applies to you, it is recommended that you contact the insurance office, located on the third floor of the Post Office Building.

Did you hear about the HA2c who put "free" on both sides of his letter because he heard that free'n free makes six and he wanted to send it airmail.

Our jokes can't be so terrible. When we threw a batch of them into the incinerator, the fire roared.

When a bunch of Texans put in at an African port during the war, their skipper told them. "Our job here is to promote good neighborliness. We've got to humor the natives. If they say Africa is bigger than Texas, agree with them!"



Scuttlebutt

For months here one of the most glorious traditions has been the constant lustre surrounding **Joyce Hartley**. Wherever there was a party, there was **Joyce**; and wherever there was **Joyce**, there was a party. Today, as it must to all Oak Knollers eventually, dry dock and demobilization come to her. Few achieve the high popularity and respect that was her's. All hands knew her and liked her. She was "a good gal" and, above all, "a good Joe." She was friendly, capable and generous. Oak Knoll loses more than a Wave in her leaving; Oak Knoll loses glamour.

To bid her farewell, and at the same time to say good-bye to fellow staff personnel worker **Charles Paxton**, two score Oak Knollers invaded the Club Alabam and threw probably the best party of the year there. Afterwards at the beautifully-appointed home of **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee**, was provided without question THE BEST PARTY OF ANY YEAR. The Lees are charming, gracious hosts. They are a married couple in love and their entertainments are gilt edge and endearing. We go for them.

To toast **Hartley** and **Paxton** for the final time that night came the grand old group and by that we mean **Dottie Matesich**, **Rusty Masson**, **Kay Montandon**, **Mary McDermott**, **Thelma Boskon**, **Evelyn**

Pleasant Point Accumulators



Tommy and Mommy spell only ten points to **BUPERS**, but to **Lt. (jg) John E. Mason (MC) U.S.N.R.** of Ward 70, they spell—as the picture convincingly attests—a beautiful, beautiful family. Under the Mason family demobilization plan, they're good for a neat billion points.

Dr. Mason, **Mrs. Joan Mason** and young **Thomas** (now 14 mos.) altogether have a sum total of 37 points (to get back to **BUPERS**) which may sound like a lot to you. Actually, Dr.s need around a dozen or so more for discharge.

Farewell Honors for Orthopedic Surgeon



Celebrating the return to civilian life of **Comdr. Delbert A. Ward**, former chief of orthopedic service, the staff of surgery one went all out in a department party to insure a proper sendoff for the popular doctor. Medical officers in the picture are (left to right) **Comdr. R. C. Abrams**, **Lt. W. S. Stryker**, **Lt. (jg) E. Millar**, **Lt. (jg) F. G. Gaenslen**, **Comdr. Ward**, **Comdr. J. D. Moore**, new chief of orthopedics, and **Comdr. J. M. Dallal**. Nurses in the picture, standing (left to right): **Ens. D. Mitchell**, **Lt. (jg) A. Graves**, **Lt. (jg) M. J. Murphy**, **Lt. M. F. MacNeal**, and **Lt. (jg) K. Lichty**. Kneeling in front: **Lt. (jg) N. K. Marshall**, and **Ens. M. A. Brennfleck**.

Hicks, **Lois Zeigler**, **Catherine Warner**, **Evelyn Pugesk**, **Agnes 'Hoist-the-Mainsail' Martin**, **Betty Veeder**, **Tex Fenner**, **Mary Ireland**, **Jack Weir**, **Larry Shipp**, **Larry Pequet**, **Richard Gibbons**, **Bill Remo**, **Tom Reilly**, **Frank Bak**, **Cliff Sarper**, **George Armbruster**, **Johnny Gallavich**, **Dick Nelson**, **Joe Wheitzen**, **Jerry Pecaut**, test pilots **Irish Dohl** and **Bill Manning** and **Fig-newton Smedley**.

Howard Creed and **George Dore** were at the Alabam with the group, too. **Creed** couldn't believe his eyes, and ordered a pair of glasses.

From the halls of Havenscourt to the shores of Lake Merritt last week resounded the farewell conviviality of the Security Guard at play.

The boys like to describe their party this way, "It was surprisingly quiet. Someone had mislaid the bottle opener. About that time, the officer in charge of the shore patrol walked in. He complemented us on the orderliness of the dance. Then he left. Then we found the opener. Then we locked the door and had the party."

We know, of course, that the doors weren't locked. Like the rest of the room they were swinging. During the course of the evening they swang in and out on such popular Marines as **Bobby Lewis**, **Red Knippel**, **Max Hall**, **Bob Arment**, **Arthur Ellison**, **Glenn Swinney**, **Pat Brady** and **Pop Miller**, who had been waiting by the portals with several quartfuls before the gang arrived—a mere two hours. From Movieland came lover **Victor Rutzky**, four shieks to the wind.

At this gyrene gyration there

was of course very little Leathernecking. Had there been any, it probably would have involved—wouldn't you love to see it in print?

Girls there included such pretty permanent party fixtures as **Virginia Lee**, **Yvonne Pettite**, **Helen Price**, **Pat Kirkpatrick**, **Thelma Boskon** and **Helen Lloyd**.

Incidentally, **Cpl. Harris** upset all form for the group and brought his wife.

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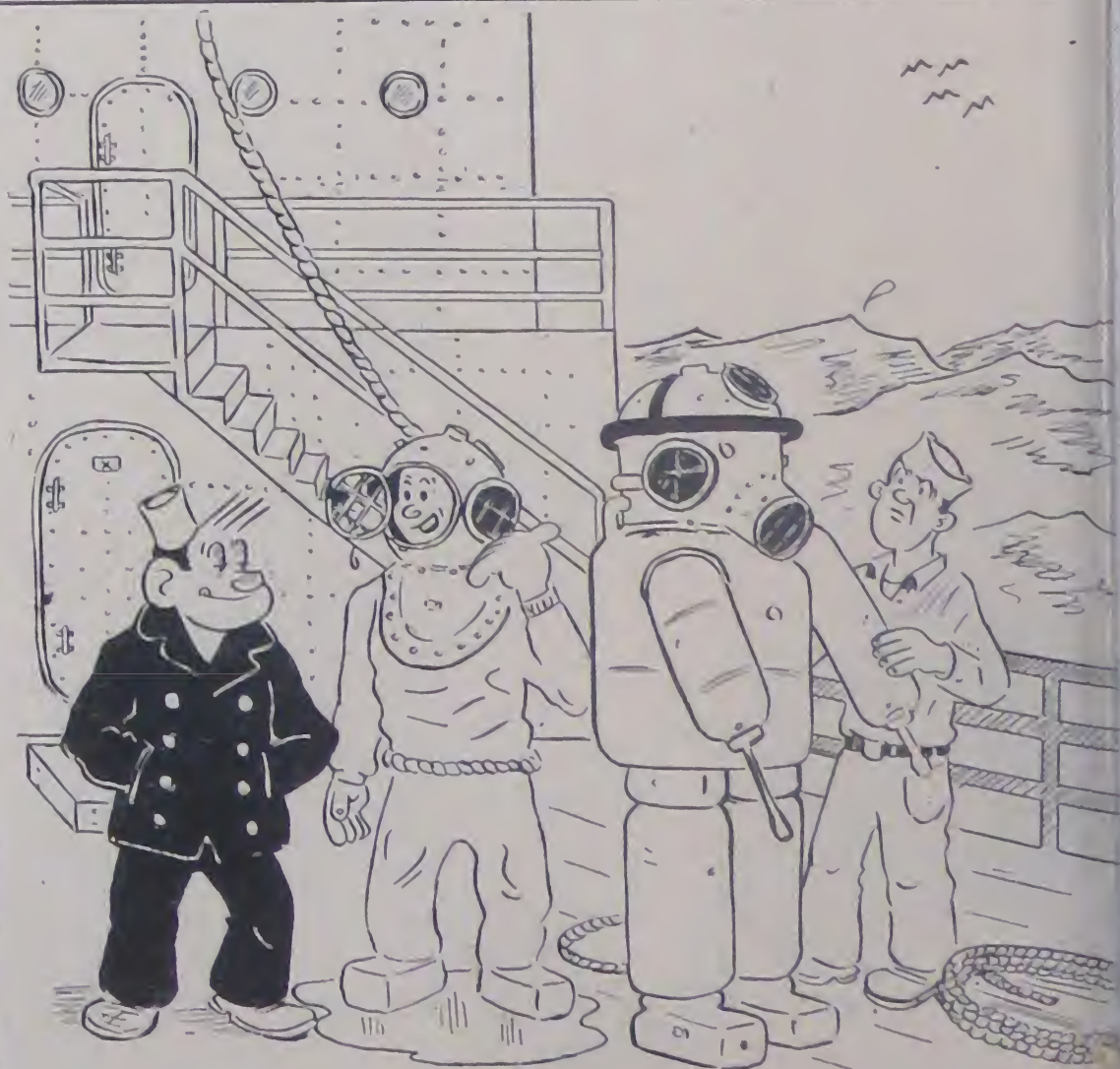
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The fizz-water Physio group who also have a penchant for neat parties, chalked another one on the walls of Redwood Canyon's Lodge this week. It was an Auf Wiedersehen affair for such sitz-bath stars as **Betty Schaefer**, **Gerry Fabe**, **F. C. Wood**, **Winston Nolan**, **Mar Cerny**. Luscious hamburgers were more than fare distinguished this group gathering, and more than marshmallows were toasted before the evening ended. Forgetting massage and manipulation to the evening were rack-and-wheel favorites **Thos. Valinoti**, **Eddy Parsons**, **Audrey Peterson**, **Bob Giering**, **Kay Steinike**, **Chuck Sample** and dancing **Dick Schein**. **Arlee Dahl** was aboard, too. Ah!

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By Penberthy



"AL'S WEARING HIS TAILOR-MADES TODAY"



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Have You Noticed, Is Lover 'Clumsy?'

(CNS) — Soldiering has turned American men into clumsy lovers, according to Dr. Clifford R. Adams, founder and director of the Marriage Counseling Service at Penn State College.

"Pinching a German fraulein is one thing, and winning the enduring love of a decent American girl is quite another," he writes in the February American magazine.

Writing on the subject, "How To Make Love," Dr. Adams says the inexperience of the American male in love-making is an inevitable result of the war.

Guys and gals, separated by the war, lost vital years of practice in love techniques, he declares, explaining that "in normal times men and girls spend at least 8 years at puppy love, serious dating, and courtship before they reach the point of broaching marriage."

Dr. Adams believes "a good deal of lost time must be made up" and suggests little attentions to pay girls which are helpful to GIs who face the problem of reconverting from the candy circuit to the slower methods of peacetime pursuit.

Prospects for successful reconversion are good, according to the author, because before the war American men were the best lovers in the world.

Support Urged for Navy Relief Drive

A drive to supplement Navy Relief Society funds is now in progress at Oak Knoll. The drive, which will last until 15 February, is the annual campaign to obtain donations to continue the huge volume of emergency relief work done by this organization.

Navy Relief is sponsored by the Navy Department, but all funds used come from the servicemen themselves. During the year of 1945, approximately \$50,000 was given or loaned to servicemen on this compound in need of financial aid.

Routine domestic problems, rent, food, etc., require a bulk of the funds. Other loans for convalescent and overseas leaves, cases where the patient hasn't enough money for traveling expenses, hospitalization, doctor bills and emergency treatment for dependents of sailors and Marines make up the rest of the requests for these funds.

Two full time civilian nurses are maintained by the society on the compound to call on dependents in the area who have been hospitalized or treated by O.P.D. at the hospital. They make between 600 and 700 calls a month.

The campaign is being conducted by Ch. Pharm. Maurice Nye, security officer.

Chaplain A. T. L. Armstrong is in charge of the Navy Relief Society on the compound.

Dr. Greeley Advanced To Four-Striper's Rank

Promotion came to another popular Oak Knoll doctor when Comdr. Paul W. Greeley (MC) S, U.S.N.R., was appointed to the rank of Captain. Capt. Greeley has been chief of plastic surgery since he came to Oak Knoll three years ago this month. His new promotion became effective 28 January.

Capt. Greeley, nationally known in his field, established the plastic surgery department alone in 1943. Since then, under his direction, it has expanded into the largest reconstructive surgery center in the Navy. Thousands of patients have gained new lease on normal life through his reconstructive work.

Tears Barred at Changing of Guard



There is a comic and tragic action reflected in this view of the historic changing of the guard at the main gate last Thursday midnight when veteran Marine sentries were replaced by new sailor replacements. Left to right are Cpl. Ralph Knipple, spectator HAlc Howard Creed, veterans Sgt. Bobby D. Lewis, Cpl. Max Hall, Pfc. V. J. Rutzky, and Pfc. F. W. Grooms. At far right CPhM R. R. Warren, supervisor of the watch, chats with an unidentified sailor as PhM3c P. W. Emmons takes over the first watch. More photos on page four.

Terminal Leave for Enlisted Men Sought

Terminal leave for enlisted men may become an actuality. Several bills now in Congress would grant accumulated leave pay to enlisted men at the rate of two and one-half days per month, not to exceed 120 days. The War and Navy Departments have worked with the House Military Affairs Committee on a practical accumulated leave plan, and legislation embodying the joint proposal may be introduced by the committee. Terminal leave for officers is based on a 70-year-old law which was intended to insure that officers would not be denied active duty pay and allowances while in leave status. Leave for enlisted men is not covered by a similar law but has always been a matter for administrative decision.

Navy's peacetime leave policy is liberal, as in addition to annual leave enlisted men receive emergency, sick and reenlistment leave. In normal times the Navy desires that men take leave as earned annually since the purpose of leave is to provide a period of rest, recuperation and maintenance of family ties.

Marine Detachment But a Memory Now

Oak Knoll's Marine Detachment was officially disbanded 1 February. As of that date the detachment was broken down to two casual companies and command was transferred to the Marine Barracks, Naval Supply Depot, Oakland.

The duties of the new set-up, which will remain at the same location in Bldg. 133, are the same as for the detachment although the number of staff men will be decreased. Second Lt. E. M. Drake, U.S.M.C.R., former commanding officer of the detachment, has assumed duties as commanding officer of Casual Company One. Warrant Officer B. R. Dumas, U.S.M.C., former adjutant, is commanding officer of Casual Company Two.

The change was the result of an order received from the Commanding General, Headquarters, Department of the Pacific. It is the job of the companies to pay and clothe all Marine personnel at Oak Knoll as well as to handle certain official Marine Corps correspondence and records.

Hail to the Chic Chief!



Buttons-buttoned CPhM Eleanor Gilboy became Oak Knoll's first Wave chief last week under the Wave extension plan. Physio-technician Chief Gilboy came to Oak Knoll as an HAlc in September 1943.

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This Legion Air Is Foul

Here we go again. This two-column editorial section today becomes a squared circle, with verbal punches to be directed at the American Legion's national commander, John H. Stelle.

Mr. Stelle has publicly demanded that the President remove the director of the government's Veteran's Administration, General Omar Bradley. He has further challenged the opinion of the President on the matter. Mr. Truman has stated that Bradley has his "complete and unqualified support."

By virtue of the numbers which they represent, Mr. Stelle cannot possibly speak authoritatively for the American Legion's hundreds of posts throughout America without first having obtained a democratic vote. From every indication, Mr. Stelle's attack on General Bradley is almost a personal one although it appears cleverly but humiliatingly disguised in the mantle of altruism. It seems that Mr. Stelle is openly dissatisfied with the endless red tape that encumbers the speedy reply to thousands of veteran's claims that lie unopened in Washington. It seems that Mr. Stelle is openly dissatisfied with the slowness with which veterans are being allowed hospitalization.

If veteran's claims are not being answered quickly and satisfactorily, we suggest that the Veteran's Administration raise the salaries of clerical help and obtain more employees. That is, we repeat, if the claims are not being answered quickly and satisfactorily. Taking into consideration the torrential demobilization flow, we can pardon certain delays.

As far as hospitalization is concerned we state flatly that Oak Knoll has answered the request of every veteran seeking treatment through the proper channels. We imagine, and reasonably so considering this hospital's size and function, that throughout the country the same quick service is being granted all veterans.

No one has to defend General Bradley. His magnificent record in Europe and his own quiet, modest efficiency speak far louder than even General Eisenhower's soldierly defense of him.

Plainly, taking out Bradley at this crucial stage in the re-organization of the Administration would only aggravate matters and would probably actually create a condition that apparently exists only in Mr. Stelle's mind right now.

The American Legion, when it allows its commander to hurl doubtful charges at men like Bradley, is plainly losing prestige and violating its cardinal principles of aid to the veteran. Their group is bending its efforts and influence without the expressed will of the majority and against the expressed sentiments of the President. It is a veteran's group not speaking for the nation and probably not for its own members. This privilege of attack is theirs all right to have and to use. But to use it unintelligently in their position is as poor as not to have it at all.

Sun Aids 'Sweating it Out' at Guam



(Official Navy Photo; SEA)

Waiting to come home could be worse than it is at Guam, where tropical beaches with life guards, sun shelters, Red Cross huts and other conveniences are used by Navy men to make the time pass as quickly as possible—it says here.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Building on Christ, The Rock of Ages

We are living in an age of building. Not only are many nations the world rebuilding cities which have been destroyed in World War II, but also many of our former shipmates, now civilians, are attempting to build homes for their families. So widespread is this tendency that already shortages of building materials have developed.

As we turn from the material realm to the spiritual there are certain lessons to be learned about building in the New Testament. In the Parable of the Rich Fool, Our Lord warns men to "take heed and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth"—that the things which are seen are only temporal. Christ concludes the parable by stating: "is he that layeth up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God? Building for self results fatally.

Again, the spiritual builder is admonished to estimate the cost. Our Lord declares: "And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. For, which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he has sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock with him." Christianity that counts is the Christianity that costs.

The Apostle Paul reminds us: "Ye are God's building"—"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Both materially and spiritually the foundation is of the utmost importance. The apostle further adds in his Epistle to the Ephesians: "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone."

Above all, each individual should remember that there is a day of reckoning coming when the spiritual building will be tested by the Master Architect. At the close of the Sermon on the Mount, Our Lord reveals this fact: "Therefore, whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house; and it fell not, for it was founded upon a rock."

Let us seek to build our lives and our faith upon the Rock of Ages.

CHAPLAIN CHARLES DANA CHRISMAN

Too Late to Classify

LOST—Sheaffer gold top pencil with owner's name engraved on it. Fred W. Feilzer, 3415 Sierra Madre, Stockton, Calif.

FOUND—Maroon and gold Esterbrook sharp pen; two small keys; ring; black Esterbrook pen. Inquire at Surgery II.

Spotlight Band Brought Welk to Our Mike—Jokes instead of Cokes to Spike



Lawrence Welk mixed with his champagne music and took over the key spot as the Coca-Cola Spotlight Band program broadcast from the stage of ship's service auditorium last week. Left to right, shots show Welk watching songster Bob Regan, tantalizing Joan Mowery at the microphone, Welk talking to Slt Bobby Beers, former Welk vocalist and currently Oak Knoll patient of ward 61B, a section of the orchestra with Welk on the podium, and a head-on view of the entire organization showing the Coca-Cola backdrop. Bobby is a veteran of over two years of Welking over MBS and Decca recording.

Red Cross Can Get Your Wife Back

"How can I get my wife and child back from Australia?" asked Sullivan.

This question has been heard a number of times recently and Red Cross has been trying to help Sullivan as well as all the other servicemen who now find themselves 4000 miles from their fiancées, wives, and families.

The Army and Navy are providing transportation, the government is paying for the passage and the Red Cross is meeting the ships and assisting the new bride in locating her husband and finding a new home here in the states.

But let's go back and see how Sullivan was able to arrange for all this. As is always the case, a number of statements, affidavits and documents had to be assembled with the assistance of the hospital Red Cross staff. These included evidence of citizenship, evidence of legal termination of any prior marriage, evidence of ability to support one's wife, personal affidavit, statement from the serviceman's commanding officer, etc. If Sullivan had been arranging to bring his fiancée over instead of his wife, he would have had to have additional statements regarding the pending marriage or the alternative arrangements in the event the marriage does not take place. When these and many other statements have been assembled, Sullivan sent them to the American Consulate in Australia. In the meantime, Sullivan's wife, Elizabeth, had visited the American Consulate and had started collecting the documents required for her visa application. After Sullivan's documents and Elizabeth's documents have been completed to the satisfaction of both governments, the only problem is to await transportation.

When the ship finally arrives in the states, Red Cross is there with the passenger list to greet the wives and families and to direct them to their waiting husbands. Sometimes Red Cross has a difficult time trying to locate husbands, for during the time the wife has

Memorandum to All Hands

Pertinent Information

Ignorance of the law is unfortunately no more of an excuse in military courts than it is before the civilian bar. In order that education may replace ignorance—and thus obedience to rules replace disrespect—the following regulations are quoted for your enlightenment. Read them carefully.

U. S. Navy Regulations—Article 122.

(1) All persons belonging to the Navy must strictly conform to such regulations for uniforms as may be published from time to time by the Navy Department.

(2) The clothes, arms, military outfits, and accoutrements furnished by the United States to any enlisted person in the Navy or Marine Corps, or required by such persons as a part of their prescribed uniforms or outfits, shall not be sold, bartered, exchanged, pledged, loaned, or given away, except by competent party therefor.

(3) Enlisted personnel are forbidden to have in their possession, without permission from proper authority, any article of wearing apparel or bedding belonging to any person in the Navy other than themselves.

From Bureau of Naval Personnel Manual.

Article D-10202(6)—Uniforms of Enlisted Men.

Men are forbidden to wear any other than the regulation uniform, insignia, or device, of their respective rating.

From Manual of U. S. Navy Uniform Regulations.

Article 1-18. Transfer or exchange of clothing: No transfer or exchange of clothing shall be made without the authority of the Commanding Officer. When clothing belonging to deserters is sold, the name of the deserter shall be obliterated with a stamp "D. C.," and the purchaser's name shall be placed upon it as soon as possible.

Article 5-54. Ownership markings: Every article of clothing shall be legibly marked with the owner's name, using black paint in marking white clothes and dungarees, and white paint in marking blue clothes, or with pen and indelible ink, when labels are procured for the purpose. All markings will be made with a 3/4-inch stencil, except where garment labels are provided, and the name will be legibly inscribed.

Article 14-1. Foul Weather Clothing: The purpose of foul weather clothing is to provide protection for enlisted personnel assigned to duty in which they are exposed to rain or spray. THIS CLOTHING IS THE PROPERTY OF THE GOVERNMENT and is supplied in quantities considered necessary in ships, as prescribed by the Bureau of Ships.

Twelfth Naval District Memorandum No. 43-43. Para. 6.

The possession of knives or guns (firearms) by enlisted personnel while on liberty is prohibited.

H. E. ROBINS,

Captain (MC), U.S.N., Executive Officer.

been crossing the ocean, the husbands have been transferred to new outfits and new stations, or they have been discharged and have returned to their home town and are trying to find a job and a place to live. It really helps a lot if you let Red Cross know where you are living so we can hurry your wife to you.

And if you are expecting someone from Australia or New Zealand, keep posted on the ship arrivals around the end of February, for at that time the Monterey is due in with 1200 brides-to-be, brides and children aboard!

Ike, Admiral King Among 'Best Dressed'

New York, (CNS)—Gen. Eisenhower and Adm. King are two of the ten best dressed men of 1945.

The others picked by a panel of fashion experts in a nation-wide poll, the first of its kind since 1940, are: U. S. statesman, Edward R. Stettinius, Jr.; foreign statesman Anthony Eden; stage star, Fredric March; screen star, Adolphe Menjou; business man Marshall Field; sportsman, Walter Hagen; society, A. G. Vanderbilt; apparel industry, Peter Juster.

S. F. Legion Post Wants Gals to Join

Women veterans and women still in uniform are welcome to join San Francisco Women's Post No. 296 of the American Legion. This organization, composed exclusively of women veterans, was founded over 20 years ago and until recently was known as the Elizabeth Lee Post.

Membership in the unit is open to women who have served the country in any branch of the service in either World War I or II.

Chiefs and More Chiefs—Now Eleven New Ones

Eleven new chief pharmacist's mates packed away their bell bottom blues last week and donned the shirt and tie of a chief's uniform when a promotion list was issued advancing them to the highest enlisted grade.

Congratulated on their promotions are Chief Pharmacist's Mates: Perry E. Boone, patient personnel; Robert C. Crawford, property and accounting; Winton C. Hood, property and accounting; Robert E. Marquard, officer of the day's desk; Viva E. Foust, patient personnel; Frank Bak, staff personnel; William A. Moore, commissary one; William V. Sullivan, patient personnel; James L. Lee, master at arms; Kenneth A. Whitley, master at arms, and George A. Williams, medicine and surgery.



Paradox: Marines 'Get the Gate' as Sailors Get the Gate



Marines exit as sailors take command at the main gate without ceremony at midnight, Thursday, 31 January. The event signified the official end of the Marine security guard that has taken constant policing care of the hospital for over two years, and the beginning of the new security guard composed entirely of Navy personnel. The new group, under the direction of Lt. (jg) H. A. Liermann (HC) U.S.N., provost marshal, has assumed all the functions of the former guard including the gate watch, fence patrols, and brig watch. Shown above in the first shot are Pfc. F. W. Grooms and V. J. Rutzky before the changing of the guard. In the center panel PhM C. R. Barrow (left) and PhM3c P. W. Emmons (middle) stand with Grooms and Rutzky as the sailors take over. In the third picture Watch Supervisor CPHM R. Warren goes over the watch bill with Barrow.

OAK LEAF PUBLIC HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

TUBERCULOSIS

By **GERALD L. CRENSHAW**
Lt. Comdr. (MC) U.S.N.R.

Tuberculosis has been a scourge to man for as far back as we have medical records. Entombed Egyptian mummies showed evidence of bone tuberculosis, and early Greek writings described pulmonary involvement. It has been one of the leading Captains of Death for untold centuries. Yet there are few diseases that have been studied as extensively and in which medical science has accumulated as many facts as to its method of spread, nature of its causative organism, methods of controlling its spread to susceptible persons, and methods of controlling the disease in infected patients.

When Koch isolated tubercle bacilli, and showed indisputably that it was the cause of tuberculosis, hope arose immediately that some form of vaccine could be prepared to combat it. All such efforts met with disappointment. Since that time much effort has been expended to discover some drug that would destroy the tubercle bacilli in the body of man which in turn would not also destroy the tissue of man and thus be toxic to him. This search is still continuing with such recent drugs as diasone, promine and latest of all, streptomycin. These have been highly publicized in such magazines as *Reader's Digest*, but all to date have fallen far short of the powers first attributed to them. There is still hope, however, that out of recent and continued research, some such miracle drug will be found which controls immedi-

ately and without question this infection in man.

While many men have devoted their lives to treatment in the control of tuberculosis, others have worked out and put into practice principles of public health for its prevention and the control of its spread from man to man. The principles pioneered have later been used as models in the control of other diseases. The public health principle of early recognition of the disease preferably before it assumes a highly infectious state, of early isolation of the active cases in hospitals and sanatoria; and of collapse therapy in some form to stop the formation of tubercle-laden sputum so that the patient is not a menace to himself and to his contacts are utilized by the medical profession throughout the world. It is known that the principal source of spread of this disease is by intimate association of the active cases of tuberculosis with susceptible persons. By examining the contacts of a recently discovered case, that is, his family, friends and associates, a ratio of fifteen cases are found, to every one case that is discovered because he coughs up blood, has a pain in his chest and visits his private physician. It is also known that the tubercle bacillus is easily killed when it is outside the human body. Ten minutes

in the direct sunlight will destroy it. The disease is spread from one human to another mainly by swallowing infected sputum, rather than by inhaling the organism, as it is commonly thought.

It would seem, if the above facts were true, that the control of this disease would be easy. It would be if the medical control principles were rigidly adhered to. Let us analyze then why this disease is still one of our leading causes of death today. In fact there will be so many deaths from this cause in the year of 1946, that if a new disease presented itself and produced a like number, national control measures would be set up and the people would be in a state of panic.

We have lived with this disease for so many centuries that we are mentally lethargic towards it, as one gets who works with dynamite. We have an euphoric state of mind, similar to that which we develop towards automobile accidents, the feeling that it cannot happen to us. Tuberculosis does not respect sex, race, creed or social strata. Another reason is that it is insidious in its onset. This is chiefly due to the fact that the lung tissue itself has no nerve endings to tell of pain or lung destruction. It is a fortunate person that coughs up blood, or has a persistent cough

that draws his attention to the fact that all is not well with his lungs. The unfortunate person is one who may have advanced disease in his lungs but feels well, or just under par, attributing his vague complaints to a "cigarette cough" or staying out late, but all the time passing on freely to those people nearest him the tubercle bacilli. This type of case is known as a tuberculosis carrier, and he may spread the disease for years without his knowledge.

Fortunately medical science has devised means to recognize tuberculosis long before the common symptoms of loss of weight, loss of appetite, severe cough and sputum, and night sweats develop. Even long before any trouble can be heard by means of the stethoscope. Some form of X-ray examination of the lungs will show areas of consolidation, laboratory examination of the sputum or gastric washings will reveal the presence of the tubercle bacillus, and the skin test will tell if there are tubercle bacilli any place in the body of the person suspected.

Some day when everyone has repeated and periodic X-ray examination of his lungs, tuberculosis will no longer be such a social, economic, and medical problem to our people. You can help by knowing that you are free of it and not acting as a tuberculosis carrier.

Next week's Symposium will be on "Alcohol." The article will be written by Comdr. Stuart Runkle.

To buy...sell...rent...

NOTICE: "The Oak Leaf" does not accept paid advertising. The following items are printed as a free service for the hospital's patients and staff. Deposit items in "The Oak Leaf" contribution box in the lobby of Ship's Service. Incidentally, it is NOT a mail box.

For Sale...

1937 Oldsmobile sedan at ceiling price. Radio, heater and two bent fenders. See Lt. Hale, Ward 40B. Harley-Davidson motorcycle, 1937-61. Good condition. See Wil-70A, Dr.'s office.

Ice box, all metal, 100-lb. capacity. In very good condition. Pharm. R. E. Bobb, Transportation, Ext. 134.

35 mm. Argus C-II camera with approximately 100 ft. of film. Also filters and sun shade. Pharm. R. E. Bobb, Transportation, Ext. 134.

Five-piece kitchenette set, nearly perfect condition, \$12.50; ice box, capacity 50 lbs., \$10; baby crib and mattress, \$10; ironing board and pad, \$1; three-piece bedroom suite, with box spring and mattress, good condition, \$55. See R. A. Anderson, PhM3c, Ward 51A, Dr.'s office, or 6516 Fenham St., Oakland (Lockwood Gardens).

Radio-Phonograph-Recorder combination, 1943 model. Excellent condition. Inquire Geddes, M. A. A., Barracks 26A.

Lost...

Brown pigskin wallet, containing \$31, ID card, receipt. Contact HA1c Bernie Hymel, Lab., Ext. 257.

Wanted...

Want ride to Kansas City, Missouri. Leaving around 2 March. Share expenses. Phone Ext. 230, Oak Leaf office.

Apartment (furnished) in vicinity of Oak Knoll Hospital or East Oakland. Close to transportation. Please see Lt. Drake, Marine Detachment Bldg. No. 133, or call Ext. 292.

Movie Schedule

First Show, 1715 - Second Show, 1930
Sat., 9 Feb., Double Indemnity, Fred MacMurray and Barbara Stanwyck.
Sun., 10 Feb., Cinderella Jones, Joan Leslie and Robert Alda.
Mon., 11 Feb., The Doughgirls, Ann Sheridan and Alexis Smith.
Tues., 12 Feb., The Road to Utopia, Bob Hope and Bing Crosby.
Wed., 13 Feb., A Guy Could Change, Allan Lane and Jane Frazer.
Thurs., 14 Feb., Idea Girl, Jess Barker and Julia Bishop.
Fri., 15 Feb., Tomorrow Is Forever, Claudette Colbert and Orson Welles.

Divine Services

Protestant:
Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, J. A. Talley, A. T. L. Armstrong, W. F. Summers.
Sunday—
Morning Service 1000
Communion Service 1100
Evening Vespers 1930
Weekday—
Morning Devotions 0730
Vesper Service 1600
Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel) 1800
Choir—Tuesday & Thursday, 1400-1500.
Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.
Christian Science:
War-time minister will be at the reception office in the Chapel every Tuesday at 1400 to 1600.
L. D. E. (Mormon):
Services 1930 Thursday.

Vital, Fascinating is the Skillful Work of Dental Prosthetics—Makers of Eyes, Teeth

Replacing the missing teeth and eyes, losses suffered in battle and otherwise, of all Oak Knoll patients and staff, is the job of the Dental Prosthetics Department, one of the most distinctive branches of the hospital's dental service.

The officer in charge of the prosthetics division is Cmdr. Harold G. Davies, (DC) USN, and the department is under the supervision of Captain George H. Mills, (DC) USN, Chief of Dental Service. The division is manned by five dental officers and seventeen corpsmen, twelve of the latter being trained dental prosthetic technicians.

From 1 Man to 23 in 3 Years

The prosthetic department was established as a one man unit in 1942, shortly after the opening of the hospital. Then the unit handled only routine prosthetic replacements. Since that time the department has grown rapidly to its present size and is equipped to handle not only routine replacement work, but also the fabrication and installation of artificial eyes, the construction of splints and stents for oral bone and skin grafts.

The majority of the work is on dentures and bridges, cases in which a patient has lost enough teeth to hinder the proper chewing of food. Artificial sections are made up of the finest translucent material obtainable. Qualifications differ for the number of teeth missing requiring replacement. In general, if there are less than twenty teeth present in the mouth or if there are any front teeth missing, replacement is justified.

Replace Missing Eyes

The division of ocular prosthesis or the replacement of lost eyes is one receiving a lot of attention in the dental clinic. Started in December, 1944, by Cmdr. Davies, the department is now under the charge of Cmdr. Mack L. Parker. Ocular prosthesis is performed by the dental department because of the nature of the materials involved.

Artificial eyes are made from



Prosthetics technicians in the dental prosthetics lab perform the exacting operations on dentures and other oral replacements to guarantee the precision fittings these artificial aids must provide. Tooling denture formations (left to right) are: PhM3c E. J. Nord, PhM3c E. Hagar, and PhM3c T. Dean. On the far right, HA1c J. J. Maniscalco works over the moulding for an artificial eye, part of the work done by the ocular prosthesis department.

the same plastic composition as dentures. Their manufacture requires five separate and delicate processes. An impression of the socket of the eye must be taken to determine size. The eye must be cast and the color of the iris painted to match the remaining iris. A technician artist does this job now, though at the beginning of the project, Dr. Davies per-



Comdr. Harold G. Davies (DC) U.S.N.

formed the task. The record number of eyes processed in one month by the section was fifty-two.

The production of splints to hold small portions of jaw bone together is another one of the jobs the department takes in its stride. The

work is done in conjunction with the plastic surgery department in their skin and bone work on the oral region. Stents for skin grafts are used to hold the skin in place where surgery has been performed to free scar contractions.

Ward 80-A has been set aside for the patients undergoing dental treatment only. At present there are about forty-five patients listed here.

Other dental officers in the prosthetics division are Lieutenant Dennis J. McSweeney, Lieutenant Robert A. Wright, Lt. (jg) Thomas J. Baumann.

Red Cross Will Sponsor First Aid Classes Again

A Red Cross standard first aid course was started at the Oakland chapter headquarters Monday, 4 February. Hours for this class are from 1400 to 1600. An advanced course starts 11 February, 2000 to 2230, according to Dale Roe, director of first aid, water safety and accident prevention.

The public is invited to attend these classes. New and revised methods of first aid are to be taught. Enrollment is open. Call TW. 5870.

CASE OF THE WEEK

Pvt. Seil Knows Oak Knoll Inside Out; He's Had Plenty of Insides Out, Too

It isn't always easy for the doctors to determine just what it was that saved a man's life in a particular instance, even under the advantages of calm retrospect. Some-



Pvt. Edgar J. Seil, U.S.M.C.R.

times the right medicine or operation at the right time is plainly what did it. Sometimes it has been a diverting sense of humor or a word of encouragement—or a prayer.

But there is no doubt in Marine Private Edgar J. Seil's mind as to what saved his life. It was a shout on the beach at Saipan: "Hey, Mate, let that go and come here. This guy's dyin'!"

At this particular time Pvt. Seil had just regained consciousness on his litter on the beach. He opened his eyes and looked around. There was nobody around who looked as if he were dying. There was nobody else suppine on the beach. In fact, there was nobody else who looked even remotely ill. So Seil came to the natural conclusion that the dying party referred to was himself, and thereupon decided to live.

He did, but can't remember the first 15 days after his injury because he was unconscious most of that time. That was in June, 1944. Now he recalls that he had been in a fox-hole with two companions when a Jap grenade bounced in and came to rest cozily under his nether regions. Seil made a grab for the grenade, intending to throw it out, but his recollections cease at this point, for obvious reasons. Both of his fellow Marines were wounded too, and both lived.

For awhile it was a moot question as to whether or not Seil would live—that is, in entirety. A rapid survey had already revealed that a good bit of Seil was lost and gone forever, namely large chunks of flesh from both buttocks, the two end joints of the right thumb, the tip of his right ring finger, and two toes and sundry soft parts of the right foot.

In fact, at this point Pvt. Seil was a shining example of the American youth who had just had his tail shot off in defense of his country. This was so literally true that Seil had to have an operation known as a colostomy—an operation in which the lower bowel is made to discharge its contents through an opening in the abdominal wall. This was only a temporary arrangement, however, for meantime the normal exit of the bowel had been expertly repaired, and by February, 1945, a year ago, had healed well enough that the colostomy could be closed off. Thereafter Seil's alimentary products have traveled the normal route.

During all this time Seil was not exactly the picture of blossoming health, however. His weight had fallen from 192 lbs. to 120, and not all of this was due to the unsubtle loss of flesh on Saipan. Because of continuous infection both in his foot and the buttock wounds, plus a large initial blood loss from hemorrhage, he had to be given blood transfusions almost as regularly as most of us eat. At one time he was hailed by Oakland Red Cross as the champion blood recipient in this area. Penicillin injections too, were necesary and since the favorite site for injections had been so rudely disturbed in Seil's case, the injections had to be given in arms and legs.

Even by April, 1945, the wound in Seil's foot had not healed, though it had been operated on several times. So it was opened again and an assortment of "foreign bodies" including shrapnel, wire bolts, sand, cloth, and leather were removed. However, this was not the end; again in October and December the foot was opened and bits of metal removed. Each time the leg went back into a cast. At present Seil is still lugging a cast about, with the convenience of a "walker" which makes him quite spry in spite of the game leg.

Seil holds the somewhat doubtfully coveted distinction of having been at this hospital through almost half of its entire history. No less than ten doctors, including orthopedists, plastic and abdominal surgeons have worked on him. The ceiling of an operating room has become so familiar that it no longer quickens his pulse.

The end of hospitalization is in sight now, and Seil plans to go back to his job of railroad car inspector. The moral of his story, one might say, is: Don't sit on a grenade—if you can help it. And paradoxically, one might say this is another one of those rules that should be honored as much by breech as by observance.

When caught in hot water, be nonchalant—take a bath.

Busy Mr. Parker is Key Hospital Corps Officer Here—But He'd Rather Fish

Senior hospital corps officer here, by virtue of his position, is Lt. George H. Parker, U.S.N., flinty, efficacious Administrative Assistant of the hospital.

Wiry Mr. Parker is a veteran of a quarter of a century of Naval service. This valuable experience, product of scores of billets ashore and overseas, plus a natural executive inclination are prime requisites for the keystone position he has filled capably here for 14 months.



Lt. George H. Parker (HC) U.S.N.

As No. 3 administrative man aboard, he supervises the operation and management of all non-clinical hospital facilities employing hospital corps personnel. This excludes ship's service and welfare and recreation, but it includes such capital hospital segments as property and accounting, patient and staff personnel, transportation, security, communications and discipline. All hospital corps officers and petty officers who supervise are accountable to him. He is the custodian of records, reports and returns and he can quickly quote facts from them that indicate a pride in the important role of the hospital and in his position. For example, Mr. Parker will tell you that Oak Knoll has a greater rate of patient personnel turnover than any other Naval hospital in the country, that admissions here ran consistently at 1,200 patients per week during the heavy Pacific action and that, since its commissioning, well over 125,000 patients have come aboard for treatment.

December 7, 1941, found Mr. Parker at Pearl Harbor where, as maintenance officer, he was supervising construction work of the Aiea Heights Hospital. When the Japanese attacked, he aided in the evacuation and treatment of hundreds of the seriously wounded casualties to the Pearl Harbor hospital, MOB 2 and the hospital ship, U.S.S. Solace. The Aiea hospital was not completed on the day of the attack, but shelter and equip-

ment were improvised in order that care might be afforded the victims. The service began as the first bombs fell and continued without interruption for the days. The Japanese air attack may live in infamy, as the late President said, but the heartening recovery of the Fleet, stimulated work of hospital and medical members, will live just as long as the nation's fame. Testimony to this is borne out by Mr. Parker's recent award here of the Navy Commendation ribbon.

His toughest war-time assignment came during the expansion of the Naval hospital at Portsmouth after he returned from overseas in March of 1942. Portsmouth, as property and accounting officer and maintenance officer, he ushered the hospital there through its growth from 90 beds to 4,500, impressive figure that increase in importance when it is realized that he aided in the planning and estimating for the expansion and ordered all equipment and supplies.

There is probably no position in governmental organization comparable to that which Mr. Parker holds over Oak Knoll's 5,000. In civilian hospital he would be known as superintendent. Directing vital service activities of military hospital is a serious business requiring a skill in which must repose a sense of public and military trust. A competent member of the laity like Mr. Parker is able to assume large responsibilities that lighten the load of the hospital's medical corps officers and provide them with a great freedom to direct treatments.

Frankly, quiet Mr. Parker would rather discuss fishing than Oak Knoll, the Hospital Corps and even the Navy. He has fished whenever time would allow from the age of four and has landed all sizes from a rainbow minnow to a 1,200 pound shark. From the bent-pin-and-piece-of-thread days to the present he has the companion love for the sport that is historically typical of the sailor. He admits that when the sick bay afloat was empty many a day found him with his awash over the fantail, indulging in his pastime.

Living in San Lorenzo are Mr. Parker's family, his wife and two children, a son, 17, and daughter, 18.

His Naval future is settled: 10 more years and retirement. After which he'll again — when he deuces and warrants are gone — memories—go fishin'.

Chief, to sailor eating out of GI-can: "Awright, you're no better than anybody else. Get back inside the chow hall."

Sailor: What is home without mother?

Cutie: I am.

Our Doctor

Comdr. Roy W. Tandy (MC) U.S.N.R., is one of Oak Knoll's busiest doctors, with his assumption of the dual roles of Chief of Rehabilitation and ward medical officer of ward 69B. His is the salient job of administrative officer of rehabilitation work on the compound. His is the task to coordi-



Comdr. Roy W. Tandy

nate the various departments engaged in the work of occupational training of patients for placement in civilian life.

Dr. Tandy's specialty is gynecology and obstetrics, but his original ambitions were not in the field of medicine. At William Penn College in Iowa, his home state, he graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Arts in physical education.

A football and basketball player, he spent the following years as a professional gridder, coaching and officiating the game as well as playing. An early advocate of sports broadcasting, he brought the first series of sportscasts to the American radio public in 1924.

Turning to medicine he completed his studies for his M. D. at the University of Washington. During the years before he entered the service, Comdr. Tandy practiced medicine and surgery in Morning Sun, Iowa, where he was active in civic affairs. He held positions as mayor and health officer of this city, and was county coroner.

Dr. Tandy enlisted in the Navy

The Clothing Gyp

They think of everything . . . these price gougers and racketeers!

And the returning veteran is looked upon as a sheep most safely, quickly and lucratively shorn. He's supposed to be dumb on the latest legal and economic wrinkles. He is known to be hungry for a taste of civilian essentials as well as luxuries.

Ergo! He's the target of the most brazen techniques to pry him loose from his dollars. Many of these rackets are almost impossible to expose before the harm is done; criminal convictions are few and far between.

The only safe answer is for the veteran himself to be alert and informed, and not to hesitate to make for the nearest cop, district attorney, better business bureau, or, best of all, when confronted with even a suspected gyp on rent (hotel, room, apartment or residence), or commodity prices of any kind, to beeline for the OPA.

Newest angle to suck in the vet who is desperate for civilian clothes is the fawning, friendly guy (or pitch gal) who can "lead you right to a warehouse (or wholesaler?) who has a thousand suits which can't be priced yet because the g--d-- OPA is stalling."

The victim is led down some back-alley, is shown with much hush-hush and, in none-too-good light, a suit of clothes, usually a tweed type with no vest. He parts with fifty bucks (and upward, depending on his gullibility) for a rag that isn't worth \$20 at retail.

Now, to get the record straight! There is absolutely no delay in OPA's pricing men's clothing. OPA is way ahead of the job . . . and so are the eventual purchasers if they just pay attention to their protections.

Every single all-wool suit of mens' clothes which is sold by a manufacturer directly to a retailer at \$21.00 or less is pre-ticketed at the factory, giving the maximum retail price which is \$33.00. Where, in the instance a manufacturer sells a similar suit through a wholesaler, the pre-ticketed retail price would be \$41.00.

Every other ready-made suit of men's clothes has an established frozen price based upon the traditional markup which existed in the particular store as of Mar. 19, 1945. Tailoring prices are frozen as of March, 1942.

There goes the fraudulent come-on tale of clothing in warehouses which hasn't been priced.

The best advice OPA can give the veteran is to trade with reputable retail stores. Few, if any, persons ever save anything by trying to deal with so-called wholesalers in any commodity. A reputable retailer of men's clothing provides alterations, which cannot be obtained in a nefarious deal, and they stand back of their merchandise.

Remember . . . an established retailer wants your business next month and next year. He isn't going to gyp you.

in February, 1943, beginning his tour of duty at Camp Perry, Virginia, and going directly aboard the AT, USS Crescent City, attached to Mobile Hospital No. 10. On the arrival of the ship in the Russell Islands, Dr. Tandy was assigned to supervise carpentry during the construction of the base hospital there. The installation was constructed entirely by doctors and corpsmen.

Comdr. Tandy spent a total of 17 months in the South Pacific, during which time he was on the

Russells and Bougainville. At the latter place he participated in some of the island's notorious battles, remarkable for their ferocity.

Since coming to Oak Knoll in December of 1944, he has practiced his specialty. Among those addicted to the great State of California, he plans to bring his family to the coast as soon as demobilization permits. Mrs. Tandy and son, Roy, Jr., are at present residing at Roosevelt Military Academy in Iowa. Mrs. Tandy is school nurse and Roy, Jr., is a student there.

New Stripes for 14 Oak Knoll Officers

Fourteen Oak Knoll staff officers have been advanced in rank by authority of an Alnav released recently. All of the promotions were to the rank of Lieutenant and became effective 1 February.

Medical officers promoted are Lts. H. L. Silvani (MC) U.S.N.R., surgical service, and Frederick G. Gaenslen (MC) U.S.N.R., orthopedic surgery. Dental officers receiving the rank are Lts. Thomas H. Baumann (DC) U.S.N.R., and Howard L. O'Dell (DC) U.S.N.R.

Lt. C. G. Druley (D) U.S.N.R., educational services officer, is the only male line officer receiving promotion. Wave officers assuming the new rank are Lts. Beth N. Hack (W) U.S.N.R., welfare and recreation, and Blanche E. Hurd (W) U.S.N.R., educational services.

Seven hospital corps officers receiving the new rank are Lts. Edward H. Kerschner (HC) U.S.N., ship's service officer; Joseph A. Conlow (HC) U.S.N., staff personnel officer; Maurice A. Ford (HC) U.S.N., personnel officer; William R. Whitten (HC) U.S.N., assistant property and accounting officer; Joseph P. Duane (HC) U.S.N., administrative officer of the day; Lester W. Murphy (HC) U.S.N., assistant property and accounting officer, and Walter C. Hawke (HC) U.S.N., civil readjustment officer.

"There's only one thing wrong with me, blondie, I'm color blind."
"Boss, yo' sho' is."

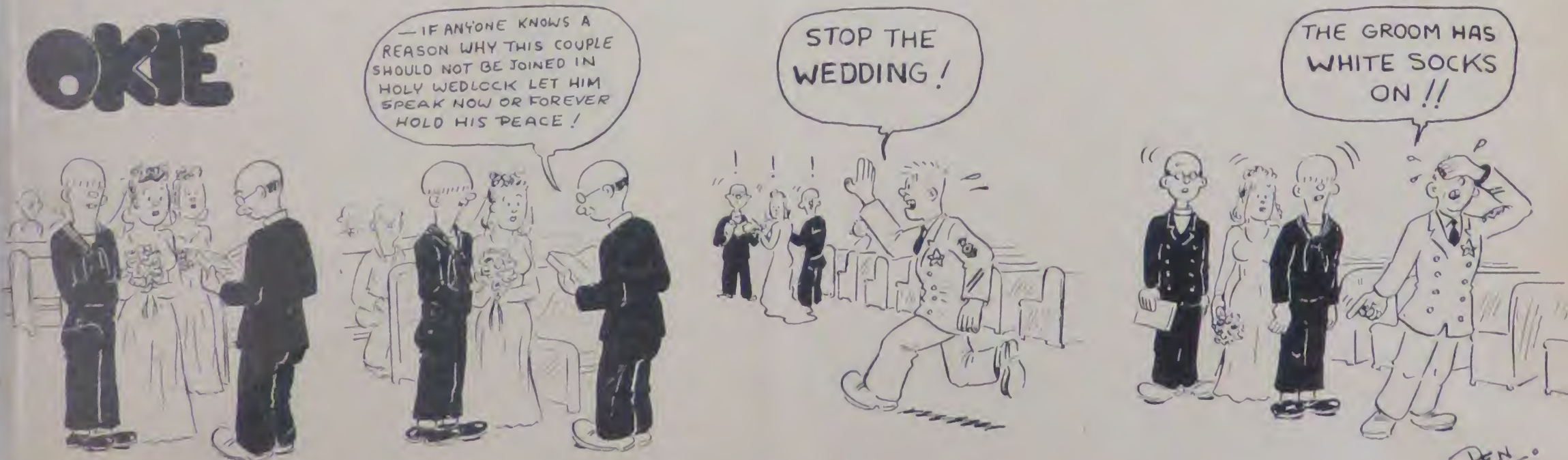
Officers Reporting:

Ch. Pharm. Carl O. Sharp (HC) U.S.N.; Lt. Robert P. Meany (MC) U.S.N.; Lt. Kennard T. Chandler (MC) U.S.N.R.; Pharm. Robert M. Moroney (HC) U.S.N.; Capt. David O. Zearbaugh (MC) U.S.N.; Lt. James H. Boyers (MC) U.S.N.; Lt. John P. Griffin (ChC) U.S.N.R.; Ch. Pharm. Ernest T. Paaskensen (HC) U.S.N.; Lt. (jg) George F. Kindle (D) U.S.N.R.; Lt. (jg) Harold H. Jones (MC) U.S.N.R.

Officers Detached:

Lt. Edgar L. Hughes (DC) U.S.N.R.; Lt. Elizabeth Moser H(W) U.S.N.R.; Lt. Comdr. Thomas A. Bond (MC) U.S.N.R.; Lt. (jg) Frank P. Carlsen (E) L-T U.S.N.R.; Comdr. Arthur R. Thompson (MC) U.S.N.R.; Comdr. Leslie H. Backus (MC) U.S.N.R.; Comdr. Dwight L. Wilbur (MC) U.S.N.R.; Comdr. Hale O. Haven (MC) U.S.N.R.; Lt. Comdr. Albert C. Daniels (MC) U.S.N.R.; Lt. Comdr. Herman Molish (H) U.S.N.R.; Lt. Comdr. William C. Thoroughgood (MC) U.S.N.R.; Comdr. Leon Rosove (MC) U.S.N.R.; Comdr. Joe W. Sovine (MC) U.S.N.R.; Lt. Comdr. Frederick D. Dudley (MC) U.S.N.R.

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A Pleasant Point Accumulator



As sweet as candy, and for Andy she's dandy. In fact this little charmer is dandy under any plan, demobilization or otherwise.

She's Nadine, 14-months-old daughter of Fern and Roy Anderson. For Roy, the whole point structure is purely a paper house these days. With the aid of Fern and Nadine, he's managed to accumulate 33 of the scarce items and next Saturday will be fast on his way toward the Windy City. There he'll return to his chemist's position in the steel industry.

Letter from Holland Expresses Gratitude

Remember the hospital's Dutch treat last November, when Oak Knoll was host to over 200 Netherlands sailors who had been Pacific P.O.W.'s?

They have not forgotten us. In fact, they have carried the good word of the hospital clear back to Holland. Quoted below is a portion of a letter received from Holland by Capt. A. H. Dearing (MC), USN., medical officer in command, from the grateful parents of one of the boys:

January 21, 1946.

To the C. O., Staff and Personnel of Oak Knoll.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

In the first place, many, many thanks to you all for the excellent treatment you gave my son, D. P. Seelt, Serial No. 15Y53, in your hospital after his liberation out of Japan. He told me all about it and I can't be too thankful. In the second place, whenever one of you come to Holland, don't forget to visit us. You'll always be welcome in our home. A thankful father and mother.

Yours sincerely,

W. SEELT.

Address: W. Seelt, Velpsche-
straat, 98, Den Haag, Holland.

Marine: Don't you think I'm con-
ceited?

Gal: No, why do you ask?

Marine: Well, guys as good look-
ing as I am usually are.

Scuttlebutt

As married as married can be are the column's lab lotharios, Kathryn Bubbles and Wayne Duggan. To them go the staff's best wishes. Marriage is really a neat institution; at least it has Urology beat all to hell. To the Duggans again go our congratulations.

No cheap skate, nor vain either, was Max Crist at a recent performance of the Skating Vanities, at which he was picked from thousands in the audience and granted a glorious gyration by the professionals and then returned dizzily a la whirling dervish to his spectator's seat.

Tuesday night's Rick Gibbons-guided Gibby party, although quite Gibbylike, was unique among recent gay assemblages. Involving a colorful set of artists, scientists, sportsmen and professional hands from the Laboratory, it was the hospital's first under the "controlled volatility" plan. By that is meant that there were shore patrolmen in constant attendance.

Never, however, was there less use for M. P.'s at any sort of a gathering of military folk. Picture this scene: The lodge at Redwood Canyon. A brilliant fire in the huge fireplace—this alone illuminating the huge ballroom, making unnecessary the several score bright and sparkling chandeliers that nevertheless remained lit. Opposite the fireplace at the extreme end of the ballroom, a five-piece string ensemble softly playing Strauss waltzes. Gay young couples in Naval finery politely dancing the latest cotillions and quadrilles. Other youthful groups gathering near the fire, playing monopoly and dominoes. In the kitchen, the blades and rakes competing in a fast game of bob-for-apples. Interspersed throughout the finery, stately butlers offering sweetmeats and cider to the guests. A gay, happy evening for all attendants, proving that fermented beverages and modern dances are unnecessary to the having of a good time when young people gather.

All the evening was not devoted to gaiety, either. There were several discussion groups, led by seasoned world travelers, in which there was serious talk about important questions facing our people today, such as the world bank, our far-flung Pacific possessions, Presidential succession and labor legislation. Overheated by these significant discussions, several of the more vehement participants seeking sleeping refuge in the nearby inn, where they retired and slept off their anger.

Golly, anybody that'll believe this will believe anything!

Shyly sharing the evening's niceties were: G. E. Stevens, L. M. Egan, Milly White, Lenore Gates, Tom Tonkin, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Worthen, J. J. Casey, Red Harring-

ton, Helen Coogan, Marlin Prentice, Joe Wheatzen, Dean Brooks, Pearl Norum, Bobby Atkins, Bill Schmidler, Mouse Moise, Henry Gaffin, Tubby Kennedy, Red Zam-zow, Red Hildebrandt, Willie De Witt, Donald Stiles, J. D. Neely, Paul Gerstmann, Sara Winkler, Bill Zatezelo, Rusty Masson, Dottie Matesich, Larry Shipp, Tex Fenner, Mary Ireland, Larry Pecquet, Lyle Nelson, Dale Klein, Evelyn Hicks, Tex Dore, Fig - Newton Smedley and Transportation's ski pilot Ski Morozowski.

SPORTS

Compound league competition at the bowling alleys ended last week at the playoffs between the top teams of the Black and White Leagues. Over \$100 were given in prizes as the keggers battled for supremacy.

The technicians of X-ray were the victors of the evening. This Black League team was awarded \$44 for turning in the final tally of 2035. The Psychos, made up entirely of doctors, were runners-up with 1986. The team collared \$32 second prize money.

The alleys are being refinished before new leagues are formed. Pinsetters are needed during the hours the alleys are open. Volunteers are paid ten cents a line.

All pool experts are invited to participate in the pocket billiard tourney now in progress at the billiard hall adjoining the bowling alleys. Prizes will be awarded to top performers at the end of the tournament.

PhM2c: Would you care to join me in a cup of coffee?

Wave: I'd love to, you get in first.

"Sir, the bugler is missing."

"Where do you think he is?"

"I dunno—he just blew."

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Off the Bookshelf

Included among the new novels in the hospital library, for your diversion, are:

Burnett: *Tomorrow's Another Day*. The shadier side of American life is again Burnett's subject, this new story about a gambler, beautiful model, and various race track characters.

Coles: *The Fifth Man*. Tom Hambleton finds an escaped German prisoner after many adventures and much excitement.

Corrigan: *Voyage of Discovery*. A sophisticated novel of college life in Berkeley provides a story about one phase of student activities.

MOIPHY

By Penberthy



"HOW DO I GET TO SMALL STORES, MATE? AND NO CRACKS"



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TODAY IS OKIE'S BIRTHDAY!

OKIE



Temporary Rates To be Permanent

All temporary advancements in rating are now permanent, except those given to Fleet Reservists and retired regular Navy men while on active duty.

According to Alnav 39-46 (NDB 31 January), temporary advancements in rating, including changes in status to pay grade one, effected subsequent to 30 June 1944 are considered permanent as of 1 Feb. 1946. All advancements in rating and changes in status to pay grade one effected after 31 Jan. 1946 are permanent. Precedence in rating is date on which advancements actually were effected.

Transferred members of the Fleet Reserve (including Fleet Reservists transferred to retired list of regular Navy) who were temporarily advanced in rating while on active duty are not affected by the directive. Provisions of BuPers Circ Ltrs 70-40 and 18-42, applying to such ratings, remain in force as corrected until further notice.

Enlisted men with two children under 18 are not eligible for discharge solely for this reason, says BuPers in answer to a specific question. Such men may request discharge if they can show "hardship" but their cases will be considered individually on their merits. Three children under 18 constitutes a prima facie case of hardship under AlNav 298-45.

Bank Your Blood Here, Please!

A few weeks ago our blood bank made a plea for donors, in order that it might replenish its depleted store of blood. This notice was placed in the *Oak Leaf*, and was probably read by almost all of the over 5000 staff and patients of the hospital. This plea was responded to by approximately ten donors.

Shortly after the *Oak Leaf* announcement appeared, an Oakland newspaper carried a similar request from a civilian hospital that donors might be found for one patient. The response was above all expectations. Among the many servicemen answering the appeal were patients from our own hospital, who were apparently blind at a time when their own blood bank was so desperately in need.

Your blood bank, last year, gave transfusions to 2,246 patients and, at the present rate, will probably exceed that amount this year.

Remember, when you donate your blood here at Oak Knoll, you are helping one of your shipmates regain his health, the price he paid that the rest of us might go home. His need is urgent.

Eternal H. A. Deuce Now One Year Young

Innocent product of the carrot-mopped, freckle-topped head of lean, keen Johnny-the-Pen Penberthy is Oak Knoll's carrot-mopped, freckle-topped Okie.

Okie is, has been and always will be an h. a. deuce. But today is a special day for him. For just like h. a. firsts and pharmacist thirds, Okie has a birthday. Okie is a year old.

Although it has become increasingly difficult to distinguish the Penberthy character from the character Penberthy, likable little Okie has managed to ignore his peripatetic pen papa. Okie makes a firm and conscientious effort to stay out of trouble. But the effort is all to no avail. For Okie, every day at Oak Knoll is an under-water obstacle course. Okie strives to make it; he strives to keep his nose clean and stay out of trouble. More than anything, he wants to get along all right with his ward nurse so when he grows up he can marry her. Consequently he keeps his cubicle clean in the barracks, until inspection morning when he oversleeps and is caught by a million hashmarks surrounded by a chief. He tries to observe all uniform regulations but is caught for playing tennis in black sox and "being out of uniform while engaged in athletics." More than anything he looks forward to liberty. Too young to drink he goes to a local restaurant and buys a

steak. Trying desperately to cut it, he is picked up by the M. P.'s for carrying a knife on liberty. And that's the way it goes. He's the only man in Naval history to learn the bluejacket's manual from N to A; but his best knowledge is restricted to M. A. A.'s, and so is Okie, usually—restricted.

Okie has a head like a cocoanut and no chin. He has buck teeth because, when he got 'em, he only had a dollar.

But Okie is really a kind, harmless and unnautical character who is shoved through life here thinking Grantland Rice is breakfast food and Bill Stern is the aft end of a ship.

Okie's Chance; New Rate Tests On Deck

Examinations for advancement in rate will be given to all hospital corps enlisted personnel eligible for rates up to pharmacist's mate, first class, starting 18 February. Tests for hospital apprentice, first class and pharmacist's mate, third class, will be given 18 February; for pharmacist's mate, second class, 19 February; for pharmacist's mate, first class, 20 February.

No examination for pharmacist's mate will be given unless applicant has turned in the prescribed course for that rate to the staff personnel office.

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Tolerance is Next to Godliness

Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt once said, "Tolerance is an ugly word." She was referring, of course, to the smug, self-satisfied predisposition of tolerance, the idea of the Main Street American winking from his pedestal and bestowing tolerance as he would pass a dime to an unsightly beggar and then run from his gaze. Mrs. Roosevelt is indeed correct. Tolerance, the way most of us employ the term, is as much a sham as charity the way most of us live it. Tolerance is an ugly word. Yes, an ugly word but a most beautiful way of life.

We find a far greater sense of tolerance in this Navy than we ever perceived in civilian life. Frankly, it's one of the rare individual and collective qualities that a man can absorb. In fact, if a recalcitrant doesn't absorb tolerance in the Navy he is quite likely to pay for it in many unsavory ways. Now that is the selfish way of looking at tolerance: the fact that if you're *not* tolerant, it will cost you. Yet, the whole essence of tolerance is unselfishness. Unselfishness and generosity. Generosity and kindness. Kindness and consideration. Consideration and Christianity. Or briefly, Christianity alone. If your spirit is Christian, you cannot help being tolerant.

But, suppose your spirit is not so Christian. What then?

Back to the Navy again, we say that a common enjoyment of pleasures and a common pain of hardships are the two greatest boons to understanding and tolerance. Next comes an education to an appreciation of the deeds and words of men who are different in color, religion or political belief.

We ask you to consider the people you know who are intolerant. Are they not selfish themselves? Are they not mentally and emotionally thin?

We read daily that even in America there is expected among the rash a bloody outbreak of so-called "American Patriots"—the intolerants—that will strike down these minority groups. We have seen minuscule examples of this despotism. Be cautious of it indeed. The only Americans we know are Indians, and they're among our smallest minorities themselves.

The intolerants outside the service who would stir up veterans to rise up and quash their Catholic, Protestant and Jewish brothers would be wise to read carefully all names and dog tags on grave markers from Pearl Harbor to Casablanca. Familiarity in the service breeds only tolerance. Americans who fought for a tolerance of our form of government overseas would rise just as quickly to fight for a tolerance of race and religion at home.

Be ever mindful of this sense of tolerance you have seen work well in your Navy. Do not separate yourself from it. Cling to it as you would to your Church itself.

Before the Shout of 'Lights Out'



In this first night view of Oak Knoll, the hospital is pictured in all its dramatic illuminated splendor. The view is convincing testimony that Oak Knoll's life is adjusted to a full twenty-four hour schedule.

Staff members who work faithfully through the long night in clinical departments, wards, the O.O.D.'s desk, the commissary, the surgeries—to say nothing of the Main Gate—can fully attest to the drama that night life at Oak Knoll embraces.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Christ and His Apostles

After the death and burial of the Divine Saviour, the Apostles were a discouraged group. All their vain hopes of worldly success seemed to have been shattered by the unexpected turn of events during the Sacred Passion. They went back to their accustomed tasks as fishermen on the sea of Tiberias, wondering what the future would hold in store for them. Disheartened, they spent the whole night at sea in their boat and caught nothing.

"But when day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus." When the Apostles dejectedly told our Lord that their efforts had not met with success, He directed them to cast the net to the right of the boat. They obeyed, and gathered in a great haul. It was then that John turned to Peter and said, "It is the Lord."

Jesus invited his intimate followers to come ashore and breakfast with Him. There they found that the Divine Master had prepared a fire to cook the fish, and had provided bread, in His thoughtful consideration of the needs of others. Instead of harsh reproof for their heartless desertion of Him when He needed them most, Christ lovingly acted as servant to prove that all had been forgiven.

The patience and devotion of our Lord in all His dealings with the Apostles will always be a true inspiration to His followers till the end of time. In return for the coldness and indifference shown by men toward Him, the Divine Master offers sympathy, the forgiveness, the loyalty of His Love. In the Sacred Heart of Jesus, all souls with faith and affection will always find selfless devotion of an Eternal Friend.

CHAPLAIN NICHOLAS F. GRUBER

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, J. A. Talley, A. T. L. Armstrong, W. F. Summers.

Sunday—

Morning Service 1000
Communion Service 1100
Evening Vespers 1930

Weekday—

Morning Devotions 0730
Vesper Service 1600

Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
Choir—Tuesday & Thursday, 1400-1500.

Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Christian Science:

Wartime minister will be at the reception office in the Chapel every Tuesday at 1400 to 1600.

L. D. S. (Mormon):

Services 1930 Thursday.

Catholic:

Chaplains—Nicholas F. Gruber, J. Griffin.

Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130.
Saturday Mass—0800 and 1630.
Weekday Mass—0800 and 1630.

Confessions before all Masses.
Novena and Benediction, 1830 Tuesday.

Catholic Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Jewish:

Divine Service—2000 Friday, conducted by Mr. Bernard Miran.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1900 to 2000 on Fridays.

One-third of Waves Ship Over Here

In response to an appeal from the office of the commandant of the 12th Naval District, Oak Knoll's Waves have been shipping over like hashmarked bosun mates.

The district appeal was occasioned by the non-availability of qualified civilian personnel to take over the various jobs done by the Waves. Girls are invited to extend their enlistments until 1 September 1946 and are compensated by being advanced one rate without examination. Since many of the Waves' critical point scores were so low that their chances of achieving demobilization much before 1 September were slight anyway, the girls have been flocking to the Women's Reserve Representative's office in stampede-like proportions. Nearly one-third of Oak Knoll's enlisted Wave complement have signed up.

Listed below are names of those who have chosen to take advantage of the opportunity:

Barard, Margaret A.
Bensick, Aileen S.
Bibbs, Frances B.
Bocok, Frances A.
Bordeas, Hazel
Bowman, Willa B.
Brooks, Bonnie Jean
Brooks, Shirley L.
Bryant, Luena D.
Bugely, Lorin J.
Burt, Beverly J.
Conlow, Alice G.
Cragel, Jennie
Creso, Jeannette R.
Croon, Mary J.
Croon, Mary N.
Crawson, Evelyn L.
Devers, Mary M.
Dickson, Marguerite M.
Donaldson, Doris S.
Eddy, Virginia L.
Ernst, Helen A.
Evans, Dorothy M.
Foley, Ida M.
Freas, Janet
Gaffo, Florence
Gilboy, Eleanor
Gray, Ethel A.
Griffin, Mary F.
Harkin, Bernadine O.
Harrington, Mildred
Hazen, Betty J.
Head, Edna M.
Hemenway, Elaine
Hoyer, Dorothy
Hicks, Evelyn R.
Hull, Elaine
Kirkpatrick, Ruth O.
Konkiel, Charlotte M.
Larsen, Florence M.
Lindstrom, Anna
Manna, Lucille E.
Marshall, Elsie F.
Mason, Marilyn J.
Mateach, Dorothy P.
Mitchell, Florence A.
Morgan, Juanita M.
Mosier, Dorothy
Munell, Arlene E.
Murphy, Agnes E.
Murphy, Leslie
Murray, Roberta
Needham, Kathryn M.
Oravecz, Mary A.
Pencor, Viola R.
Peplinski, Genevieve K.
Peters, Edna
Peters, Helene
Pouman, Margaret B.
Rickle, Betty J.
Roberts, Jean V.
Snee, Phyllis A.
Silvester, Roberta C.
Simmons, Mary A.
Sullivan, Freda
Stallins, Zelda M.
Stemike, Leona L.
Tobias, Shirley L.
Vander, Betty J.
Walker, Phyllis A.
Warner, Kathleen E.
White, Millicent
Wiles, Betty J.
Zachary, Margaret H.

Cutie: I intend to marry an officer and a gentleman, I'll have you know.
Sailor: That would be bigamy, honey.

Writer Has Ace Line



Mixing a tall story with an informal lesson in fly-casting during his tour through Oak Knoll wards last week is Scripps-Howard newspaper columnist bright-eyed Andy Anderson, successor to Ernie Pyle.

At present, on assignment, he is visiting military hospitals all over the country, obtaining material for his column and at the same time entertaining patients with his talks and fishing movies.

In the shot above, he relates a tale about "The one that got away" to Pfc. A. O. Moore and Cpl. J. E. Smith (on bunk) of ward 74B.

Plenty of Good Clean Fun Offered by W & R Dept.

All patients in liberty status are urged to take advantage of the evening entertainment attractions offered by welfare and recreation. Groups go out nearly every night to parties, dances, wrestling and boxing matches and other athletic events.

Mills College co-eds and sorority organizations at the University of California sponsor many evening parties on and off their campuses. Mills College accommodates between 50 and 100 patients for dancing, refreshments and entertainment. Richmond, Calif.'s Hospital-ity House has similar arrangements.

Excursions of patients to boxing and wrestling matches at the Oakland Civic Auditorium leave the compound regularly. Boxing bouts are sponsored by the Oakland local of the Boilermakers' Union, and wrestling matches by Ad Santel, Bay Area promoter of the sport. Tickets are often available for different stage shows visiting the area as well as hockey and basketball games played between well-known coast teams.

All patients desiring to take part in any of these activities should contact the welfare and recreation office well in advance of the date scheduled. Staff members are included whenever accommodations permit.

Said one nudist to another: "I think we've been seeing too much of each other lately."

"Oh dear," she exclaimed, "I've missed you so much." Then she raised the revolver and fired again.

Famed "Harvey" to Play in Auditorium

Arrangements are being made to bring the entire casts of the Broadway laugh hit, "Harvey," to the stage of Oak Knoll in the near future.

Joe E. Brown heads the cast of "Harvey," story of a mythical rabbit who romps through the farce at the side of his creator, played by Mr. Brown. With a large supporting cast, headed by Marion Lorne, the show will play an afternoon performance at ship's service auditorium. The date is not set, but plans are being made to schedule it at the end of the month.

Postwar Plans For The Old Seabag

(SEA)—It's not a seabag anymore, mates—it's a clothing container. Furthermore, it won't even look like a seabag. What with the elimination of the mattress and hammock to be toted around, and the possibility of an entirely different kind of uniform to be stowed, the Navy has decided to streamline the old bag.

The special board set up to redesign the carry-all reports that the new model will be fire resistant, mildew proof, lightweight, durable and—attractive. It won't be necessary to dump all your gear in the middle of the deck to find your toothbrush. The atomic age clothing container will even have a "readiness pocket" on the outside to stow frequently used articles.

Going Overseas? Take a Date — — Your Wife!

(SEA.) The Navy's new plan permitting wives to join their husbands overseas applies for the present only to the Caribbean area, South America, Newfoundland, Pearl Harbor, Samoa, Alaska, Kodiak, and the Aleutians. To qualify, the husband must be an officer or an enlisted man in one of the top three pay grades, scheduled to remain at his station at least six to eight months. Transportation and housing must be available, and the wife must be going for the express purpose of making a home for her husband, natch.

Roses are red.

Violets are blue.

I know—

Because I saw them hanging on the line!!!

Movie Schedule

First Show—1715; Second Show—1930.
Saturday 16 Feb.—"Bathing Beauty," Red Skelton and Esther Williams.
Sunday, 17 Feb.—"Up Goes Maisie," Ann Southern and George Murphy.
Monday, 18 Feb.—"Sweet Rosie O'Grady," Betty Grable and Robert Young.
Tuesday, 19 Feb.—"Adventure," Clark Gable and Greer Garson.
Wednesday, 20 Feb.—"Notorious Lone Wolf," Gerald Mohr and Janis Carter.
Thursday, 21 Feb.—"Fear," Warren William and Peter Cookson.
Friday, 22 Feb.—"Colonel Effingham's Raid," Alan Ladd and Rosalind Russell.

Our Doctor

From a general medical practice to a specialty in neuro-psychiatry in one easy jump is the accomplished result of the Naval career of Comdr. Harold F. Thompson (MC) S, U.S.N.R., congenial Oak Knoll medical officer since June, 1945.



Comdr. Harold F. Thompson, (MC)S, U.S.N.R.

Dr. Thompson is one of the rare examples of a doctor with a former general practice who has decided on a specialty from his work in the Navy. When the doctor left his civilian practice in the fall of 1942, the Navy sent him to the Russell Islands to supervise construction and to take charge of operations of a small base hospital of 100 beds, designated "Acorn Red-three." From there, orders took him to Fleet Hospital No. 107, situated on beautiful Magenta Bay, New Caledonia.

Here he obtained his introduction to N. P. work when he was assigned to the staff of doctors in charge of the job. After working there long enough to realize his intense interest in psychiatry, he applied for Naval training in the specialty. Training granted, he proceeded to U. S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, to take the prescribed course in the work. He came to Oak Knoll last year as a full-fledged psychiatrist, and has remained as medical officer of ward 51A.

Comdr. Thompson is a family man, possessing a charming wife and three young Miss Thompsons, ages ranging from six to fourteen. An adopted native of this state, Dr. Thompson came to California to practice after receiving his medical degree from St. Louis Medical School in 1929. He plans to stay here after discharge and further his studies in his specialty.

For diversion the doctor takes care of and rides his beribboned, two and one-half year old gelding show horse. When asked the breed of the animal he replied, "I don't know entirely, but he's got too damn much Arabian, which accounts for my black and blue spots."

"Okie" is a Nickname Made from the Contraction of "Oak Knoll"



Okie's first day on the ward brought what he'd been worrying about in Corps School. Unlike the early morning, he hit the deck.



It didn't take Okie long to discover that A.P.C.'s will cure any disease.



His first liberty brought out his more cultural side.

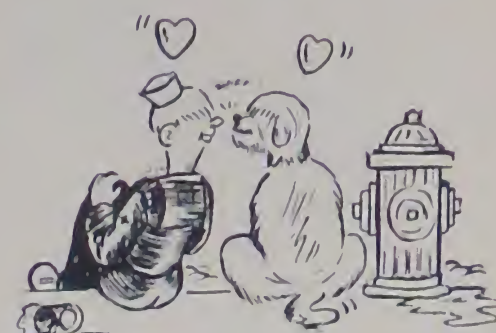


Trapped by his unlying ID card, the SP's found Okie a problem easy to dispose of.



Life guard duty at the hospital pool had its own little turn-about triumph for this qualified swimmer.

"THE PICK UP"



PEN

A cartoon illustration of a man with a large nose and a speech bubble saying "MOYLE!". The man is wearing a striped shirt and has a surprised or shouting expression. The speech bubble is jagged and contains the word "MOYLE!" in all caps. The drawing is done in a simple, sketchy style with bold lines.



PEN

A cartoon illustration of a man in a suit and hat running away from a building. The building has a large sign that says "COCKIE" and a smaller sign that says "ICE CREAM". A trash can labeled "THE CLUB" is visible on the right.



A cartoon illustration of a man in a suit walking past a building labeled "Little Grass Hut". A sign above the entrance says "OKIE" with musical notes and the word "JOOPEE!".

JOE'S
ICE CREAM
PARLOR

WOOPEE!

PEN

OKIE

A cartoon illustration of a man in a suit and hat running away from a sign that reads "CURFEW 12 PM CLOSED". The man is looking back over his shoulder with a worried expression. The sign is a simple rectangle with the text inside. The background is minimal, with some lines suggesting a wall or ground.

- THE CURFEW HOUR -

US. NAVAL
HOSPITAL
OPEN ALL NITE

PEN.

When the twelve o'clock curfew came, Okie became kind of bitter.

OAK LEAF PUBLIC HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

ALCOHOLISM

By STUART C. RUNKLE
Comdr. (MC) U.S.N.R.

(With excerpts taken from "Fundamentals of Psychiatry," by Edward A. Strecker, M.D., and from "The Mask of Sanity," by Hervey Cleckley, M.D.)

The history of alcohol, which is always a sedative upon all parts of the body, is coextensive with the history of the human race. Its persistence in the social scheme is explained by the fact that it has the quality of softly and rosily blurring, and even erasing, the hard outlines of the unsatisfactory, grim and forbidding realities of everyday life. In addition, alcohol is the most readily available and the least socially reprehensible of the techniques for evading reality.

Physiological Action: Contrary to the almost universal belief by the laity that alcohol is a stimulant, it never acts as a stimulant. Its dominant influence is sedative. The increased activity of thought and speech after its use is not due to stimulation but to depression of the inhibitory nervous apparatus. The activity is therefore that caused by lack of control. Alcohol does not increase the vigor of thought nor its depth, nor does it enable a man to work out a problem which is difficult. On the contrary, alcohol rather benumbs the activity of mental processes. It does not increase efficiency. The effect of moderate doses differ from the effect of large ones in degree, but not in kind. In large doses alcohol produces lack of coordination by depression of the brain and lower nervous system, the loss of coordination being due largely to impairment of sensation, so that the sense of touch and the muscle sense are interfered with. This effect makes a drunken man fail to recognize the angles or uneven surfaces of surrounding objects, and the impaired mental power and disordered judgment, combined with the imperfectly functioning activity, motor and sensory pathways, cause him to stumble and fall.

Psychiatric Concepts: A num-

ber of psychiatric alcoholic reactions have been classified. Of these only one will be considered: Pathological drinking.

Pathological drinking has always been a large economic, social and medical problem. During the war and in the present postwar period it is a greater problem than ever.

In a paper such as this it is impossible to go very deeply into the question of pathological drinking. However, certain principles of the psychopathology of alcoholism will be set forth.

First of all, Cleckley states, "Alcohol does not put ideas into peoples' heads, alcohol cannot ever bring out any impulse that is not already present in a personality. The alcohol merely facilitates expression of ideas by narcotizing inhibitory processes, that is, by removing the brakes. The oil which lubricates the engine of a motor car neither furnishes the energy for its progress nor directs it." Thus alcohol does not *make* people do things; it *allows* them to do it. According to Edward A. Strecker, M.D., that is one reason why the old ideas of psychotherapy in alcoholism, that were dependent upon persuasion, threat, reward and punishment for their effect, usually ended in the patient's eventual incarceration. "Persuasion, threat, reward and punishment merely wrap the alcoholic in his swaddling clothes of emotional immaturity. The only hope of the alcoholic is to be stripped of the garments of his immaturity so that he can learn to face himself in the nakedness of truth.

A generally held lay opinion is that the alcoholic is most apt to be the back slapping, hail-fellow-well-met type. This is not true. The purposeful consumption of alcohol is more common among those who tend to look inward and who are not socially easy. This type has a logical surface reason for his

drinking. For by doing so he is then able to make contact with his fellow men bearable, and even pleasant. Having satisfied the surface reasons for drinking, the potential alcoholic soon begins to drink pathologically. Why? Because there is an urge within the individual to return to lower levels—levels of lessened responsibility, immaturity and finally, fantasy. This is the real reason for pathological drinking. Even in more or less normal social drinking, alcohol quickly dissolves, for the drinker, the garments of sober responsibility and his fears, and temporarily reclothes him with the vestments of carefree youth. In pathological drinking very deep levels of regression are reached, even descent to the level of infantile helplessness with abandonment of control of the ordinary bodily functions.

A careful study of the life histories of many alcoholic patients would seem to indicate that one is fairly close to the fundamental cause of their conditions in the discovery of the very frequent recurrence of a childhood environment which thwarted, and even completely blocked, the attainment of an adult emotional stature. The common pattern in these histories is one in which the crime of parental loving dominance was perpetrated against the child. Then the time comes when the child arrives at that age at which society expects and demands emotional maturity and adult behavior. The emotionally immature individual tries and makes a few sorry attempts to meet these demands. He feels society prefers to exact the penalty for such failure. Perhaps the remainder of the picture, its alcoholic component, is a matter of chance. But it's a chance in which the dice are loaded.

The author of this latter portion of this article, Dr. Edward

A. Strecker, at this point advances his definition for the chronic alcoholic: The chronic alcoholic is the person who cannot face reality without alcohol, and yet whose adequate adjustment to reality is impossible so long as he uses alcohol."

Treatment: There is no specific treatment for chronic alcoholism.

Since the present day conception of chronic alcoholism is that it is a psychoneurosis, defensive in character, with the object of shutting out reality, and probably the result of the stunting in childhood of the emotional growth, the most important part of its treatment is psychological.

In undertaking treatment the physician must be strictly impersonal, objective, and unemotional. He must refuse to deal with anything but the mature portion of the patient's personality and must try to prevent the patient from deceiving himself. The skilled therapist refuses to accept the patient's expressed reasons as to why he drinks, i.e., such reasons as poor physical health, nagging wives, rigid employers, etc. Neither does he accept their reasons for desiring to stop drinking. The physician knows very well that the alcoholic is remorseful as he contemplates the woe and unhappiness of his family and yet the result of such remorse will be to drown it in a tidal wave of alcohol.

The most difficult thing for the alcoholic to learn is to face the future completely without alcohol. The patient is brought to the point where he can make the decision for himself that the only possible solution is never to take alcohol again. Unless such a conviction is formed within the patient and so definitely formed that it is inculcated into his personality, he may have long periods of sobriety, yet he will never attain complete recovery.

Next week's Symposium article will be written by Lt Comdr. William D. McCarthy. His subject will be "Cancer."

Repeat Performances for Shell Show, Civil Service Show, and Leighton Noble

In the near future Oak Knoll will again be host to three popular stage presentations that have scored heavily with hospital audiences in the past.

The Shell Oil Co. Variety Show, staffed by six gifted personalities of the stage, will play a repeat performance 21 February. Variety is the key word of the show, ranging from the musical talents

of a harmonica artist, a songstress, a Hammond organist, and an acrobatic dancer, to the light-fingered manipulations of a magician and the talking tricks of a ventriloquist.

The Oakland Civil Service Show will appear on 25 February. Past notices on this performance have been excellent. The constantly changing entertainment supplied

by this outfit has always come up to Broadway standards.

Leighton Noble and his orchestra will play a one-day engagement on the compound some time in March. The Noblemen are now the feature attraction at the beautiful Garden Room of the Hotel Claremont in Berkeley. Popular vocalist with the orchestra is warbler Anne Rooney.

TRAFFIC JAMS



BY CLAUDE



"Oh Darn!" "Oh, Dear!" "Oh-h-h Doctor!" ...The Story of the Officer of the Day

In the center of activity—if not the geographical center of Oak Knoll—is the desk of the Officer of the Day. More than a desk, it is a department employing a permanent staff of three hospital corps officers, five enlisted personnel, and



In the inner office of the Officer of the Day's desk, Lieut. Grace V. Young (MC) W., U.S.N.R., O.O.D. on duty, completes one of the countless transactions requiring consideration by the office, assisted by PhM2c Martha Stein, receptionist.

a constantly changing watch of ten staff doctors. It acts as an information center for the hospital, a clearing house for patients, a trouble shooter for any and all of the minor accidents and incidents that cause emergencies in so large an installation as Oak Knoll—and a headache for the doctors who staff it.

As an information center, the desk receives the visitors of patients and staff members, official and otherwise. It locates the desired person and effects a meeting if possible. Countless questions are received daily as to a patient's whereabouts, his home town, his duty station or any of a number of bits of miscellaneous information about him. The desk supplies this data quickly and accurately from the mammoth files containing the admission cards of all patients in the hospital.

Occasions arise when the filling of these requests is difficult, but the O.O.D.'s desk never admits defeat. At one such time, two young ladies presented themselves and desired the locale of a red-headed

Marine named Joe. They finally found him—at San Leandro Naval Hospital.

At all times there is a watch of ten doctors, a senior O.O.D., four assistant M.D.'s and five internes. Any patient entering the hospital must be assigned to a ward by the doctor on duty.

All emergency cases must be examined by the medical officer in the treatment room adjoining the office. Accident cases, automobile accidents, industrial accidents and poison cases are given first aid treatment at the desk and sent on to surgery, clinics or wards for further care.

The office is the center of the complex fire alarm system protecting the compound. When a practice alarm is turned in, the steam whistle atop the administration building is sounded notifying the fire department of the site of the supposed conflagration. Simultaneously the commanding officer and executive officer are notified by phone. An air raid siren, mounted in readiness over the office during the war, was sounded only once and then by mistake. It was removed after V-J Day.

Chief Senior Officer of the Day is Lt. Comdr. Leo J. Meienberg, ward medical officer of ward 60A. It is his duty to make up watch schedules for all doctors, making replacements for all officers on sick list and detached, etc. There are 13 crews of ten doctors each. Each



Desk staff members spend their work days answering this imposing battery of telephones. Left to right are HA1c Ed Place, PhM2c Robert Claussen, PhM3c D. Stanford and PhM3c R. P. Detrick.

crew stands watch on their day from 1000 to the same time the following day.

It is their duty to answer emergency calls night or day from wards, to make evening sick call on all wards, to sign any of a number of chits including special liberties, emergency leaves, special requests, etc. They also log all arrests of station personnel.

Recently established to assist the doctors at the desk was an administrative Officer of the Day. Three



Lt. Comdr. Leo J. Meienberg, Chief Senior Officer of the Day

hospital corps officers are assigned permanently to this position and alternate watches. They are Lt. J. P. Duane, Lt. (jg) E. W. French, and Ens. J. F. May. It is their job to take the weight of routine paper work and administrative problems off the doctors. They also supervise the work of all enlisted personnel in the office.

An efficient staff of four corpsmen and one corpswave are assigned to the office to meet people at the front desk, answer telephone calls, keep the massive files up to date and supply information to the thousands who ask the O.O.D. for help. Whatever the query, the Officer of the Day will find the answer.

To buy..sell..rent..

NOTICE: "The Oak Leaf" does not accept paid advertising. The following items are printed as a free service for the hospital's patients and staff. Deposit items in "The Oak Leaf" contribution box in the lobby of Ship's Service. Incidentally, it is NOT a mail box.

Personals...

Want to locate Warren, Frederick Blair, Pfc., Fourth Division, I Co., 25th Marines. Anyone who knows him is asked to contact Capt. Joe B. Warren, 158 South 20th (Apt. 1-C), Richmond, Calif. Phone 5292M. Call any time.

Will the person who removed a black Shaeffer fountain pen from the Staff Personnel Office about a week ago please come back and get the pencil to complete your set? See Pharm. Robert D. German.

Wanted...

House or apartment, 5 or 6 rooms, 2 bedrooms. Near hospital. Phone Ext. 260.

Want ride to Kansas City, Missouri. Leaving around 2 March. Share expenses. Phone Ext. 230. Oak Leaf office.

Want to buy good used 35 mm. Argus camera—f3.5 or f4.5 lens. Contact Dr. G. C. McNeilly, on Ward 61A.

Lost...

Bottom part of Eversharp fountain pen, in vicinity of Comm. #2. Contact Ted Swanson, 78B.

Found...

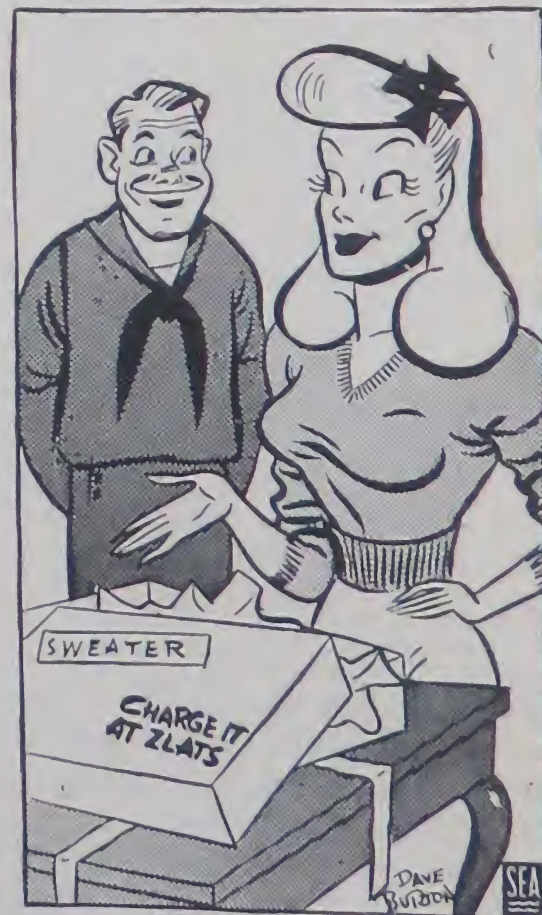
Maroon and gold Eversharp pen; black Esterbrook pen; 2 small keys on ring. Inquire Surgery #2.

Black Waterman's fountain pen. Owner may recover upon proper identification. Contact Oak Leaf office, Ext. 230.

For Sale...

Reynolds Pen, practically an embryo! Guaranteed not for today... not for tomorrow... but till next Saturday. Call 78B, ask for Murray.

HELEN HIGHWATER



"All I had to do was fill out a form."

SPORTS

Oak Knoll's front line casaba squad heads the list in the Hayward Regional Cage Tourney. The hospital team took the lead with their fourth straight win to no losses last week, this time over the Hayward club team of Mel and Rudy's. The Knollers are now the only undefeated team in the league.

The battle with the club five ended 37 to 14, with the hospital squad in the lead all the way. The Hayward team was held to two points in the entire last half. High

scorer for the Knollers was Jones with 13 tallies.

The cagers also took a game away from Naval Air Station, Santa Rosa and dropped one to Concordia College, both practice tilts. The former ended in favor of the hospital, 51 to 43, while the latter went to the college varsity, 37 to 32.

Hospital league competition in 12 ND ended recently with Oak Knoll taking third place in the second division. The last game was lost to Shoemaker.

Popular GI corsage: Four Roses.

Officers Reporting:

Pharm. Boyd A. White (HC), U.S.N.; Lieut. Charles E. Cormack (MC), U.S.N.R.; Comdr. Herbert S. Lamont (MC), U.S.N.R.; Ch. Pharm. Joseph Fortunat (HC), U.S.N.; Comdr. Meyer O. Zeligs (MC), U.S.N.R.; Lt. (jg) Michael V. Gualtieri (MC), U.S.N.R.; Lt. (jg) Edward P. Irving (MC), U.S.N.R.; Lieut. Robert D. Dunbar (MC), U.S.N.

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Lt. Comdr. John W. Harper (MC), U.S.N.R.; Lieut. Mary R. Serrocca, U.S.N.R.-W.; Lt. Comdr. Donald L. Barry (ChC), U.S.N.R.; Comdr. Jack Rowlett (MC), U.S.N.R.; Lieut. George D. Mallory, Jr. (DC), U.S.N.R.; Pharm. William M. Hendry (HC), U.S.N.; Comdr. Francis K. Bradford (MC) (S), U.S.N.R.

WORDS ARE NICE, BUT

A Letter Is Better

H. E. Gajervi,
108a Upton St.,
St. Louis, Mo.
January 31, 1946.

Pharm. F. B. Holland,
U. S. Naval Hospital,
Oakland 14, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I wish to take this time to express my thanks to you and the entire staff of the Civil Readjustment Office for the courteous and efficient services I received in the process of my discharge.

I recently visited the Veterans' Service Center in St. Louis and was both surprised and pleased with the service received there, also.

If all Readjustment Offices and Service Centers are operating as efficiently as the two I went through when leaving the service, I know that all vets shall be forever giving thanks to them.

So, to the entire staff of Oak Knoll's Readjustment Office, I say thanks a million, and well done.

Sincerely,

HENRY E. GAJERVI,
(PhM2c, U.S.N.R.—Discharged.)

(Editor's Note: Mr. Holland, to whom this letter is addressed, is now Oak Knoll's Transportation Officer. The present Civil Readjustment Officer is Lt. Walter C. Hawke (HC), U.S.N. His assistant is Ch.Pharm. Aubon V. Brock.)

Pleasant
Point Accumulators

Lovely Lucille and adorable Arlene, attractive wife and daughter of Physio Technician Arthur Brown, had to do extra duty as point accumulators to open the escape hatch for their muscle-builder bread-winner. Physio workers' point scores are still sky high and it's going to take no less than 40 to free the old man from the rack-and-wheel room, come March 2. But Brown, with their help, has the forty, and back he'll go to Beloit, Wis., in fourteen days.

Scuttlebutt's Merry Muster
for an
All-time Pleasure Cruise

Looking out the window the other day, we were nearly overcome by the sight of so many people in bellbottoms. Ah, we ah'd again, this must be some sort of a Naval installation. A Naval installation? Yes, that's what we are: a Naval installation. But wouldn't it be fun if we were a Naval ship as well as an installation! Then, if we were a ship we could pick out a crew of our old friends and take a wonderful cruise. Next move was to consult our *Oak Leaf* maritime editor, a salty swarthy midget named Frigid. Frigid said, "No crew, no cruise." So we decided to resort to invitations and we hereby invite the following to come with us for this final cruise aboard the floating U.S.S. Oak Knoll. We hope you like the outstanding crew and we hope the outstanding crew likes their shipmates. Again, people were chosen for no particular reason at all, other than the fact that we think they'd be fun to cruise with. Here is our merry muster for this all-time pleasure cruise:

Skipper: **Errol Flynn**.
Exec.: **Paulette Goddard**.
Officer of the Deck: **Charles Wheatley**.

First Lieutenant: **Jim Pappas**;
Asst., **Arleen Dahl**.

Personnel Officer and Crew: **Bob Lee, Dotty Matesich, Larry Pequet, Jack Weir, Larry Shipp, Mary Ireland, Ralph Conrad, Cliff Harper, W. C. Lincoln, Max Crist, Jack Huddleston**.

Master-at-Arms: **Chief Rowe, G. M. Freedman, Joe Masnaghetti, Lamar Carpenter, Milda Reinertson, Helen Price, Phyllis Hilborn, Eleanor Harwood, Yvonne Pettite, Marge Catland**.

Senior Medical Officer and Assistants: **Johnny Hardgrave, Frank McAnnally, Roy Anderson, Otis Lynch, Joe Mazurek, Phillip Johnson, Slick Salters, D. E. Roach, Ken Rooker, Joe Miller, Charles Pettis, Norm Pellorino, G. A. Danforth, Harold Hardin**.

Chaplain's Office: **Mouse Moise, Tex Fenner**.

Ship's Laboratory: **Kathryn Bubbles, Wayne Duggan, Rick Gibbons, Joe Wheitzen, Lenore Gates, Tom Worthen, Bobby Atkins, Tubby Kennedy, Booty Hicks**.

Disbursing Officer and Supplies' Crew: **Johnny Ott, Charles Coy, Bill Gardner, Doris Ott, Ronnie Johnson**.

Ship's Photo Lab.: **Robert Agnew, Allen Schlesinger, J. E. Tome, Charlie Davies, Bill Zatezelo, Sara Winkler**.

Ship's Laundry: **Richard Olson, John McCown, Johnny Gockel**.

Surgeries: **Adorable Jones, E. L. Mazon**.

Boatswain's Mate: **Thelma Boskon**.

Signalman: **Robert Wolfe**.

Fire Control Man: **Bob Quinlan**.

Radarman: **Johnny Rader**.

Ship's Cooks: **J. H. Bohm, B. J. Kibby**.

Radioman: **Sparks Carter**.

Gunner's Mate: **Rusty Masson**.

Torpedoman: **Torpedo Juice Rose**.

Dental Clinic: **Homer Hauptman, John Kephart**.

Metalsmith: **Bob Watson**.

Machinist Mates: **Charles Grant-ham, E. E. Shrader, George Berthiaume**.

Ship's Librarian: **Verna White**.

Ship's Dungeon: **Thomas Valinoti, Eddy Parsons, Dick Schein, Chief Gilboy, Marshall Holt, Robt. Giering**.

Galley Slaves: **F. C. Dallimore, John Whaley, Gilbert Garfield**.

Purser: **P. P. Pyles**.

Quartermaster: **Muscles McClain**.

Legal Office: **Shirley Enos, Dotty Quellmalz**.

Lifeboat Crew: **G. C. Dore, W. K. Manning, F. C. Bonner, Ski Morozowski, Harold Hombel, Leonard Green, George Mitchell**.

Crow's Nest: **Agnes Martin**.

Mail Specialists: **John Concanon, Frank Stanley, Lee Hart**.

Medical Stores: **Lois Ziegler, Red Schmidt, L. M. Egan, Frank Czolgosz**.

Ship's Shapes: **Sue Zachau, Lyle Nelson, Virginia Lee, Mary McDermott, Kay Montandon**.

Ship's Plumber: **Hudson Mead**.

Ship's Carriers: **Jimmy Stephens, Jim Mehl, Don Stamm, Bill Colé**.

Ship's Projectionists: **Dud Payne, Ace Peting**.

Ship's Poets: **Fig-Newton Smedley, Eric O-Riley**.

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Rorick: *Outside Eden*. This sequel to the popular *Mr. and Mrs. Cugat*.

MOIPHY

By Penberthy



"DID YOU CHECK IN, MATE?"



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Red Cross Drive Opens Next Friday

An Oak Knoll campaign for funds in support of the American Red Cross, immediate benefactors of all Oak Knoll patients, will be conducted from 1 March through 15 March. The campaign will run simultaneously with the national drive that will be in progress throughout the month of March.

Direct solicitations here will be conducted only among officer personnel and civilian employees. However, all personnel aboard are urged to contribute to the fund. There is no definite goal for the hospital. Last year Oak Knoll contributed the largest sum of any service hospital in this area.

Contributions should be turned in to the security office, second deck, building one. Membership in the International Red Cross is issued on contribution of over one dollar. Ch. Pharm. Maurice Nye, security officer, is in charge of the drive at the hospital.

Funds received will be used to advance the humane work done by the Red Cross. Service clubs, disaster relief, nursing, assistance to service families are only part of the benefits provided here at home as well as foreign nations.

Oak Knollers need no written reminder of the heartening assistance Red Cross lends to their stay here—from comfort articles provided on admission, to entertainment and recreation during their stay, to games, books and favors provided for their journey upon transfer.

1946 FUND CAMPAIGN



GIVE

STARTS 1 MARCH

Anatomy, Ob My! — The South American Way!



Pictures like this should go a l-o-n-g way toward developing the "good neighbor" policy. Friends from below the hemisphere, the couple tangoing above are headliners at Joaquin Garay's Copacabana Club in San Francisco, and were recent hospital guest artists. The boys found them entertaining and, well, eh, educational.

Latest ALNAV Floors P'int Scores - - - Drink this Up

These new point reductions should take the slack up before you crack-up. Authority for the most recent bargain basement reduction is ALNAV 76, which provides point reduction figures for as far in advance as 2 May.

Male Commissioned and Warrant Officers (except officers classified MC and Naval Aviators in a flight status): on 15 April change to 36; on 2 May change to 35.

Male Officers classified MC: on 15 April change to 45; on 2 May change to 44.

Naval Aviators in a flight status with rank of Ensign: continues at 20 until a change is announced.

Naval Aviators in a flight status above the rank of Ensign: On 15 April change to 23; on 2 May change to 22.

Female Officers: on 2 May change to 25.

Members of the Nurse Corps: on 2 May change to 25.

Male enlisted personnel (excepting those rates specified); on 15 April change to 29; on 2 May change to 28.

Male Watertenders (except WT (CB)), Machinists Mates (except MMCB and MMG), Chief Commissary Stewards, Ships Cooks, Bakers, Electricians Mates (except EM (CB)) and Specialists (C) classification: on 15 April change to 33; on 2 May change to 32.

Hospital corpsmen with specialty physical therapy (PhT) or occupational therapy (OT) and assigned to continental US Naval Hospitals or US Naval Special Hospitals; on 15 April change to 34; on 2 May change to 32.

Male Storekeepers (CB) Steve-dore, Watertenders (CB) Machinists Mates (CB), Machinists Mates Gas, and Electricians Mates (CB): on 15 April change to 29; on 2 May change to 28.

Female enlisted personnel (except those rates specified below): on 2 May change to 19.

Female hospital corpsmen with specialty physical therapy (PhT) or occupational therapy (OT) and assigned to continental US Naval

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Post Office Here To be Absorbed

The post office at Oak Knoll, crowded scene of ecstatic joy and bitter sorrow, will be disbanded as a Navy unit soon to become part of the U. S. Post Office department. In conjunction with the Navy's peacetime policy affecting all continental shore stations, the office formerly manned by Navy mail clerks will be operated entirely by civilian postal employees. The post office will thus become a branch of the U. S. Post Office at Oakland. Stamps and registered mail will be handled at the same windows as at present.

No general delivery mail will then be given out at the post office. Hospital corpsmen will pick up their good or bad news, their "Dear John" letters—and all other mail—at Barracks 35.

Three Navy mail clerks of long and loyal Oak Knoll service are scheduled for separation around 1 March. They are MaM2c Dewey T. Mahaffey, MaM3c John M. Con-cannon and Slc Clayton K. Ansell.

Miss Duxbury Aboard



Lt. Comdr. Beulah Duxbury, NNC, has assumed duties as assistant chief nurse at Oak Knoll in the office of the hospital's chief nurse, Lt. Comdr. Sophia Deaterla.

Miss Duxbury has replaced Lt. Comdr. Marion Dillon, who transferred to the U. S. Naval Hospital, St. Albans, N. Y., scene of Miss Duxbury's last duty before reporting aboard. The new assistant chief nurse is a veteran of eighteen years' service to the Navy.

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Hope from the Hen

With the exception of the announcement of a few peaceful strike settlements, last week's news was as discouraging as the prospect of twenty years of night duty.

Look at the headlines and their stories: Civil War Renewed in China — Hundreds of Thousands Still Out on Strike — Thirteen Spies Nabbed in Canada on Atomic Secrets Steal Charge — Millions Starving in Europe — Washington, D. C., as Unsettled as an Okinawa Typhoon — Kidnapping and Crime Wave Reaching New Heights.

Editorially, we were all set to write sad words on the deplorable, sad old world. But, it's apparently useless. The fate of the world is probably out of the hands of bespectacled editorialists and back in the gloved fists of uniformed agencies. Of course we could always write about the first kiss of spring: birds, bees and similar, perennial harbingers of good things and good thoughts.

But what chance has a bird, from sandpiper to American Eagle, or a bee the size of an elephant, got against a brand new, easy-to-operate-just-push-the-lever atomic bomb? The answer is "none."

To this writer, the state of the union truly looked as gloomy as a roomful of Edgar Allan Poe characters *until* an AP dispatch, carrying a Washington date line, was discovered.

To quote it, "Development of a gigantic machine which will turn out a complete, two-bedroom, low-cost concrete house in 24 hours was announced today by Carl L. Estes, Longview, Tex., newspaper publisher."

We immediately recognized the name of Carl Estes, a former Naval officer and patient of this hospital, who received the Bronze Star at citation ceremonies here last July.

But the remarkable thing that sold us on the idea that the future is not so dismal after all is the amazing, positive achievement of Estes' machine, which he describes as "an enormous hen" . . . which in operation looks like it is "laying an egg."

Whether or not it solves the housing problem, which is its goal, we salute Estes' hen. Laugh and deride this if you will—call it drivel or chickenfeed—but imagination and achievement like this machine made the nation prosper. With God's help and man's will, we will prosper again in spite of the sad and dreary headache headlines.

After all, *omnes ex ova*.

Demobilization Scoop . . .

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Hospitals or US Naval Special Hospitals: on 2 May and thereafter eligible at score for unrestricted female enlisted personnel.

Male enlisted staff personnel residing in this area, or male enlisted staff personnel claiming "hardship" which allows separation from the service in this area, will no longer be separated at Oak Knoll.

Effective immediately, all staff personnel entitled to discharge from the Navy in this area will be transferred to the Shoemaker, Calif., Separation Center for the demobilization process.

Effective 1 March, all Wave en-

listed and officer personnel and Navy nurse corps officers eligible for separation at the discharge unit at Memphis, Tenn., will be routed to the separation center at New Orleans for demobilization. No more women will be sent to the separation center at Memphis.

Male enlisted staff personnel not eligible for discharge in this area will be sent from this hospital to Treasure Island for further transfer to the separation centers nearest their homes.

All enlisted Waves, eligible for discharge are sent first to Balboa Park Separation Center, San Francisco, and are then routed to separation centers nearest their homes.

1 Picture Worth 10,000 Words



This pictorial editorial needs no copy. Look over this wreck carefully. It was a station wagon. Now, look again. Think now, and think behind the wheel. Drive carefully. 'Nuff said.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

If I Didn't Know God

The other day while reading the Bible I came across these words:

"This is the covenant I will make"—
says the Lord;
"I will put my laws into their minds,
and write them on their hearts,
and I will be their God,
And they shall be my people.
And they shall not teach everyone his fellow
or everyone his brother, saying 'know the Lord,'
for all shall know me,
from the least to the greatest."

A lot of people know *about* God, but by the evidence of their lives many don't know *Him*! Our knowledge of God is often second-hand—like gossip. You only know Him when it is like knowing your close friend.

If I didn't know God, I could never rest until I did. Paul says that He is "near to every one of us." I might have said that if I didn't know God I would go to someone who did. If you wanted to meet a certain person you would arrange a meeting and introduction through someone who did know Him.

Funny!—the meeting has already been arranged. Every one of the religious services on this station is an opportunity for you to meet God.

I remember one church where to remind their pastor, they had printed in the pulpit these words, "We would see Jesus."

Why would they put that in the pulpit? Well—one day when Jesus was telling his disciples about God, one of them said, "Show us the Father and that will be enough." Jesus replied, "If you have seen me you have seen the Father." Surely the Son should know his Father. "To as many as believed on Him, gave he power to become the Son of God."

ANDREW T. L. ARMSTRONG,
Chaplain, USNH

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, J. A. Talley,
A. T. L. Armstrong, W. F. Summers.
Sunday—
Morning Service 1000
Communion Service 1100
Evening Vespers 1930
Weekday—
Morning Devotions 0730
Vesper Service 1600
Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
Choir—Tuesday & Thursday, 1400-1500.
Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Christian Science:

War-time minister will be at the reception office in the Chapel every Tuesday at 1400 to 1600.

L. D. S. (Mormon):

Services 1930 Thursday.

Catholic:

Chaplains—Nicholas F. Gruber, J. Griffin.
Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130.
Saturday Mass—0800 and 1630.
Weekday Mass—0800 and 1630.
Confessions before all Masses.
Novena and Benediction, 1830 Tuesday.
Catholic Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Jewish:

Divine Service—2000 Friday, conducted by Mr. Bernard Miran.
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance at the hospital compound on Tuesday, 1400-1600. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1800 to 2000 on Fridays.

Red Cross Director and Gift from Fellow Internee



Miss Marie Adams, American Red Cross field director at Oak Knoll, with the ship model presented to her by OC3c Gregorio Dimerin, Philippine sailor. Miss Adams and the sailor were both interned at Santa Scholastica, Jap prison camp in the Philippine Islands. The model was build when Dimerin was a patient at U. S. Naval Hospital, Canacao, P.I.

All Oak Knoll's Civilian Employees To Face Civil Service Examinations

In line with Presidential directive, all war service (civil) employees of Naval installations will be examined for temporary appointment in the classified civil service. These examinations will include all Oak Knoll civilian workers (cadet nurses excepted).

No date for the examinations has been set and no method of examining is available at this time, according to Ch. Pharm. William Canavan, civilian personnel officer. However, Mr. Canavan stated that each Oak Knoll employee will be informed of this information as soon as it is received.

Because millions of citizens in the armed services and war industry could not compete for positions in the federal government, the President, early in 1942, issued an executive order providing for the filling of all positions in the classified civil service on a "war service" basis. Now, with demobilization of the military service over half completed and with it progressing at a rapid rate, and with the lifting of certain manpower controls, the conditions necessary for open competition once more are present. Furthermore, returning veterans interested in federal employment desire and should be given, opportunity to compete for probational rather than war service appointments. Obviously, too, the present war service employees are anxious to compete for the jobs they now hold.

The new Presidential order, authorizing the examinations, provides that in making selections for temporary appointments priority must be given in the order named to (1) persons entitled to 10 point

military preference, (2) persons entitled to 5 point military preference and (3) former federal employees not entitled to military preference. Appointments must be made without regard to race, color, creed or national origin.

Claims for Bare GI's Ably Handled by Viola Wise



Handling all claims from GI's for lost uniforms and personal gear is Viola Wise, civilian worker in charge of the clothing claims desk. Miss Wise has handled this job ever since coming to Oak Knoll in June, 1944. Since then she figures she has issued clothing requisitions to over 15,000 service men, about 5,000 since V-J Day.

Her biggest volume of issues are to survivors of ill-fated ships, cases in which the survivor's bag was permanently lost. To these and to POW's go complete new outfits, as well as reimbursement for lost personal gear. Other claims for gear temporarily misplaced in official transit are termed emergency issues and requisitions are given for one complete uniform.

The desk works in conjunction with small stores to supply these lost articles. Assisting Miss Wise in this work is HA1c John L. MacDonald, shown in the background.

Gabrielle Linhart To Entertain Officers

Gabrielle Linhart, distinguished Berkeley piano virtuoso, will provide an hour concert at the Officers' Club at 2000, Sunday evening, 3 March.

Receiving musical training in America at Mills College, Linhart studied further in Paris. She is a pupil of Noah Steinberg. Her ability is popularly acclaimed throughout the Bay Area.

She has selected the following numbers for the evening's program: Fantasia, C Minor (Bach); Pastorale (Scarlatti); Rondo, A Minor (Mozart); Berceuse (Chopin); Nocturne (Chopin); Waltz, C # Minor (Chopin); Waltz, E Minor (Chopin); Reflections in the Water (Debussy) and Sevilla (Albeniz).

Lt. Comdr. William M. Adams (MC), U.S.N.R., is officer in charge of the evening's arrangements. The guest artist is appearing at the suggestion of Lt. Comdr. Joseph L. Neilson, Jr. (MC), U.S.N.R.

NOW READ THIS!

Welfare and Recreation announces the following headline entertainment attractions:

HENRY BUSSE and His Orchestra—Afternoon Show—Ship's Service Auditorium—1400 Thursday 28 February.

and TED FIO RITO and His Orchestra—All Hands Dance Monday evening 4 March.

A Touch of Dorsey



Probably the biggest single attraction ever admitted here, and by far the longest-sustaining entertainer (the demand was terrific) is Sic Joe Consolo. On 47A, he played endless hours of popular melody for patients. Soon they were coming from all over the compound to his piano. A former Jimmy Dorsey ivory fonder, shy Joe pleased patient audiences from reveille to lights out.

A 'New Order' for Ship's Service Dept.

Several new changes affecting ship's service sales policies have been announced by Lt. E. H. Kershner, ship's service officer. These changes are designed to bring better, faster service to ship's service patrons.

A speed-up program at the laundry has resulted in four-day service, a far cry from the former two-week schedule. The cobbler shop will also be able to turn out more work faster due to increased help.

The gasoline station located near the outside master-at-arms shack and the driving range, is now equipped to sell motor oil and to wash, polish and wax cars.

Kleenex and Ponds tissue allotments to the hospital will be placed on the counter at three different sales periods monthly. Nurses exclusively will be allowed to purchase the scarce item at the first sale and Waves exclusively at the second. The third release will be for the general public. This change is certain to result in a more even distribution.

The beauty shop on the second deck of the building, is now supplying permanents, mud packs, etc. to the female members of the families of officers and enlisted men on the staff of the hospital. Appointments obtained up until 1500.

New hours for ship's service are from 0900 to 1700 for all departments except the fountain and cashier's window. The fountain will be open from 0800 to 1700, and the cashier's window will observe regular banker's hours, 1000 to 1500.

OAK LEAF PUBLIC HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

CANCER

By WILLIAM D. MCCARTHY
Lt. Comdr. (MC) U.S.N.R.

Few people today know that many cases of cancer can be cured—particularly if diagnosed early. In the United States alone there are over 36,000 "cured" cancer patients. This is a remarkable tribute to modern advances in the surgical, X-ray and radium treatment of cancer. However, ignorance of such successful cures has given rise to unjustified pessimism which perhaps causes as many deaths as the insidious nature of the disease itself. This prevalent pessimism operates tragically, by a strange psychological quirk, by overwhelming the patient with fear and forcing him to wish to deceive himself. Usually, he minimizes the first, early danger signals and refuses to see a physician—because then his pitiful self-deception might be shattered. Ironically, he seems unaware that cancer gives only a few weeks of grace between its first danger signals and the beginning of successful treatment. This same pessimism may operate tragically through the physician as a form of defeatism. Too often the poorly trained doctor may salve his conscience by remarking that the patient would have died anyhow—because he had cancer. The quack doctor also raises cancer mortality because his shrewd insight into the patient's self-deception and his "sure cure" of cancer is an irresistible lure.

The second factor, which has placed cancer second only to heart disease as a cause of death, is ignorance of the nature of cancer, and its danger signals. The nature of cancer can best be explained by first correcting some common misconceptions. First, *cancer is not contagious*. It is not caused by a germ and therefore one person cannot "catch" it from another. Rather, the original cancer cell is as much a part of the patient's body as the healthy cells. It differs only in that it is an out-law cell which grows rapidly and wildly, and fragments into the blood and lymph vessels to overwhelm the patient. Since

there are hundreds of types of cancer, the causes are complex. However, chronic irritation is one definite cause, whether it be a jagged tooth, the chafing of a shoe or belt on a mole, cigar or pipe, childbirth lacerations or the sun's rays. The sun-filtering skin pigment of the Negro explains why skin cancer is so rare to him. Secondly, *cancer is not inherited*. A family history of cancer, therefore, should not deter one from marriage, or concern him unreasonably with his own health or that of his children. Cancer is not a social stigma and is not related to venereal disease or alcoholism. Finally, the most destructive misconception is that cancer is always painful. However, *early cancer is rarely painful*. Ignorance of this one vital fact causes thousands to delay to ultimate tragedy. Invariably, they express their unbelief and despair of the doctor's cancer diagnosis by exclaiming: "But it cannot be cancer—because it has never been painful!"

The danger signals of cancer may be: (1) A lump, swelling or thickening in any part of the body; (2) A sore that does not heal within a few weeks; (3) Unexplained bleeding or discharge from any part of the body; (4) Persistent indigestion, or changes in bowel habits; (5) Chronic hoarseness, difficulty in swallowing or chronic cough; (6) Sudden changes in size or color of moles or warts.

Once the danger signal is noted, a physician (*that is, an M. D.*)—preferably a specialist—should quickly be consulted. It is essential that the physician should positively diagnose the cancer early, and select the *correct* treatment the first time. Cancer moves swiftly and will not usually give the physician a second chance if he is wrong on either score. The "wait and watch" school of medicine has little place in such a fast mov-

ing drama. Statistics, for example, show that from 80-90% of early cancer is curable, as compared to 0-20% of late cancer. If the patient finds difficulty in selecting a physician, he may request recommended names from any accredited hospital, clinic or University hospital group—or the American Cancer Society, 350 Fifth Ave., New York, which has offices in every large city. The names and location of over 375 accredited cancer clinics can also be furnished by the American Cancer Society.

Cancer can only be cured by one of three proved methods—*surgery, X-rays or radium*—or a combination thereof. Fraudulent "sure cures" and "new cures" such as serums and medicines are always being offered by quacks who always delay proper treatment until too late. Research indicates that the fight against cancer has taken a new and hopeful turn. Recent experiments show that the cancer cell differs chemically from the normal cell, and now attempts are being made to take advantage of this difference by attacking the cancer cell with biochemical compounds. The cyclotron ("atom smasher") and sister machine, the betatron, may also play a part in this attack.

Meanwhile, cancer prevention continues successfully in two forms. First, the cancer prevention clinics which have recently been organized. Here a healthy person can be periodically examined to detect pre-cancerous conditions which precede cancer. There are four such clinics—two in New York, and one in Philadelphia and Chicago. In one of these clinics 3,000 healthy women were examined and 8 were found to have early cancer. All 8 were cured. The importance of an annual physical check up for every person over 35 years of

age thus could not be more impressively emphasized. Secondly, cancer prevention is accomplished by education. The American Cancer Society is eminently successful here by furnishing, without cost, all types of information to anyone requesting it, and organizing the Woman's Field Army, a volunteer group of 350,000. The Society's booklets are invaluable in detailing not only the many sources of chronic irritation which causes cancer, but also all the early danger signals. The local address is: The American Cancer Society, 509 Butler Bldg., San Francisco.

At long last the public is awakening to the menace of cancer but is reacting slowly. For example, there are 700,000 cases of cancer each year compared to 16,000 infantile paralysis cases. The public contributes \$340 per case of infantile paralysis against—50 cents per cancer case. The cancer death rate is three times that of all the traffic deaths in the country, and yet compare the extensive traffic controls and courts, and safety campaigns to the campaign against cancer.

Nevertheless, the American Cancer Society has accelerated the awakening and was influential in pressing Congress to create the National Cancer Institute. For the first time in history, large sums of money have been pledged, such as the Sloan Kettering Fund of \$10,000,000 for expanding the Memorial Hospital for Cancer in New York City. It is to be hoped then, that this may be the beginning of the Golden Age of cancer therapy. It is possible that if only a small fraction of the scientific minds and the billions of dollars that we mobilized to create the atomic bomb could be borrowed for the war on cancer, the cure for cancer could probably be produced in the near future.

The topic of next week's Symposium article is "Neurosis Phobia." The author will be Comdr. C. E. Johnson, Jr.

New Additions to the Library

New novels in the hospital library to divert you are as follows:

Davis: *The Stars Incline*. What falling in love with the wrong girl did to a young newspaperman.

Cuthbert: *The Robbed Heart*. A restless young New Yorker explores Harlem.

DeJong: *Somewhat Angels*. This is a satire on the life of several women on the home front during the war.

Downes: *Heartwood*. The Vermont hills are the background of the love story of a mountain boy.

Du Maurier: *The King's General*. This historical novel with love, adventure, hairbreadth escapes in delightful combination, is already a best seller.

Heth: *Any Number Can Play*. A gambler who gambles too long finally reaches an understanding with his son.



Godwin Pair Served The Nation Twice

Service to the United States spanning two wars is the enviable record attained by Mr. and Mrs. Ora M. Godwin, civilian personnel workers at Oak Knoll, and this contribution to the national welfare still continues.



Mr. and Mrs. Ora M. Godwin

Mr. Godwin is a chauffeur in transportation and Mrs. Alta Godwin is a maid at the nurses' quarters. In addition the couple has rendered other services during the recent war such as ration board service and allied work. This glowing patriotism permeates the family home at 483 Joaquin Avenue, San Leandro, and their two daughters, Bernice and Leah, although still attending school, have added their own bit of service to America.

It all started during the first World War when Godwin served with the Navy and Mrs. Godwin found herself catapulted into fame when she was called to operate the Hotel Utah elevator which was restricted to the use of President Woodrow Wilson during his stay at Salt Lake while on a tour of the West in behalf of his world peace plan. The bombardment leveled by reporters regarding the President's party was more awesome than the actual work, Mrs. Godwin recalls. Secret service men first had to assure themselves that such a young girl could safely handle the work.

All their own past work was forgotten however in the glorious moment when the Navy gave them back their son, Leroy, December 15 of last year. As fireman, first class, he served 24 months sea duty during his three years and seven months hitch. He was on the mine sweeper, AM 102, Motive, and assisted in operations off the Aleutians, Marshalls, Mariannas, and Leyte.

When asked what highlighted such colorful careers, besides see-

Ships Service Adds Hobby-Lobby

A new department joins the list of ship's service concessions already serving hospital personnel with the opening Thursday of "Hobby-Lobby," new ship's store specializing in the sale of leather goods and other craft materials.

The lobby will be located at the site of the old telephone center in a corner of the main lounge of the ship's service building. Stocks will be limited to leather and leather working tools at the beginning. As soon as materials are available, plastics, including plexiglass and lucite, will be sold. If there is enough demand, airplane and ship model kits will be added. The same applies to metal and wood-working tools.

Sales will be in conjunction with the craft work done by patients under the pre-vocational training program. Plans are being made to sell leather goods and other projects made by the patients with these materials at the store.

Welcome Aboard, Mates!

Twenty-five "Docs" began their Navy Hospital Corps careers this week when they reported here for duty from the U. S. Naval Hospital Corps School, San Diego.

Welcome aboard to the following: Robert Acuff, Richard Barger, Francis Benda, John Bird, Carleton Buck, Marion Coughenower, Willie Doty, Clyde Ellis, Meredith Giles, Jose Guerra, Robert Jedlicka, John Kelsey, George Kern, Robert MacLean, Clayton McDermaid, William McKinney, Auton Miller, James Mullins, Robert Osborn, Ray Reynolds, Vernon Richardson, Jack Ridge, Arthur Romero, Joseph Simmons, Harold Taylor.

LIEUT. JOSEPH A. CONLOW,
Staff Personnel Officer.

The bottled perfume that Willie sent
Was highly displeasing to Millicent;
Her thanks were cold,
They quarreled, I'm told,
'Bout that silly scent Willie sent
Millicent.

ing their family once more united, they were quick to talk about their "second honeymoon" the last two weeks of February—and this one, too, sans children. They were very definite about their plans—definite, that is, in that there would be nothing definite about it other than their 25th wedding anniversary would be celebrated in Los Angeles. Godwin (the chauffeur) would not drive and Mrs. Godwin (the maid) would have someone else tidy up her room while both enjoy a well-earned rest.

Father Barry Goes; Lt. Griffin Replaces

Oak Knollers, the enlisted men in particular, lost one of their favorite champions when Lt. Comdr. Donald L. Barry (ChC), U.S.N.R., was detached recently. Friendly, direct, Father Barry reported aboard 26 December from overseas assignment at Fleet Hospital No. 105 in New Caledonia. His new duty assignment is at Naval Air Station, Alameda.

Assuming new duties in the Catholic Chaplain's office, in Father Barry's stead, is Lt. John P. Griffin (ChC), U.S.N.R. Previous to his coming to Oak Knoll, Father Griffin was stationed at U.S.N.H., San Juan, Puerto Rico. His home is in Chicago.

97 Target Vessels In Atomic Tests

(SEA)—America's atomic bomb tests at sea—code name "Crossroads"—will be a mammoth Army-Navy-civilian operation carried out by Joint Task Force 1 with 97 target ships, including 5 battleships, 2 aircraft carriers, 4 cruisers, 16 destroyers and 8 submarines. All the combatant target ships are surplus U. S. Navy vessels except the Jap battleship *Nagato* and light cruiser *Sakawa* and the German heavy cruiser *Prinz Eugen*.

In addition, about 50 operating ships will be used. Some 20,000 personnel, including Naval crews, scientists and planners, will take part.

Two separate tests are scheduled—one in early May at an altitude of several hundred feet above the targets, the other around 1 July at water level.

Bikini Atoll in the Marshall group, where the tests will be staged, is made up of over 20 islands stretching 21½ miles in an east-west direction. Target ships will be placed so that effects will vary from probable destruction to negligible damage among ships of each type.

Heading the task force is Vice Admiral W. H. P. Blandy, USN. His staff includes Maj. Gens. W. E. Kepner and A. C. McAuliffe, USA, Rear Admiral W. S. Parson, USN, and Dr. R. A. Sawyer, technical director.

The U. S. target ships designated are: Battleships: *Arkansas*, *New York*, *Nevada*, *Pennsylvania*; Heavy Cruisers—*Pensacola*, *Salt Lake City*; Aircraft Carriers—*Saratoga*, *Independence*; Destroyers—*Mayrant*, *Trippe*, *Stack*, *Bagley*, *Rhind*, *Helm*, *Ralph Talbot*, *Mugford*, *Lamson*, *Flusser*, *Conyngnam*, *Smith*, *Anderson*, *Mustin*, *Wainwright*, *Hughes*; Submarines—*Skipjack*, *Tuna Parche*, *Dentuda*, *Searaven*, *Skate*, *Pilotfish*, *Apogon*.

Our Doctor

Comdr. Lawrence E. Brown (MC), U.S.N.R., is probably Oak Knoll's only medical officer to return to the hospital for three separate tours of duty. He is also in charge of the proctology department, the treatment of diseases of the rectum.



Comdr. Lawrence E. Brown
(MC), U.S.N.R.

Friendly Dr. Brown entered the Navy from a practice in his specialty, in January, 1943. He spent three months at Oak Knoll gaining his indoctrination, after which he was transferred to the Marine Corps headquarters in San Francisco. At this post he was medical officer in charge of the Naval dispensary there.

Returning to Oak Knoll in March, 1945, he assumed charge of the newly established proctology department. Aside from a three months' trip to the Philippines and Japan aboard the APA, U.S.S. Berrien, starting last August, he has held this position ever since.

His ward, 71A, is completely equipped for his work, including a surgery and treatment room. It is the only department of its kind in a Naval hospital in the Bay Area. As a result, cases are sent in from ships and stations throughout the district for consultation. These consultations, besides work from his own ward, other wards, and Out-Patient Department, keep his time well occupied.

Comdr. Brown is a native of Iowa, although before becoming proficient in his specialty, he studied at the University of North Dakota, Cincinnati Medical School and the University of Pennsylvania. He went to Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio, for his internship and a short practice, after which he brought his family to Southern California.

Dr. and Mrs. Brown have three boys ranging in age from 13 to 17. Photography is his avid hobby.

CASE OF THE WEEK

Hagar a Hangar for Amoebae — And He Wishes They'd Take Off

That even little animals are very ferocious at times can be testified to by Fle Odus F. Hagar, of Holly Grove, Ark.

Hagar, from his bed on 60A, is battling it out with a family of unusually vicious little animals known as Endamoeba histolytica, which have decided to use Hagar as a home, breeding ground, and institution for aged members of the genus Endamoeba.



Fle Odus F. Hagar

In the past eight months full many a generation of these little protozoan, smallest member of the animal kingdom (bacteria are generally claimed as plants) has grown to full stature, matured, stroked its collective beard, and died in the smug space between Hagar's liver and his diaphragm. Doctors refer vulgarly to this Home, Sweet Home, as a nibdiaphragmatic abscess.

Hagar discovered he was the sole support of this large family of parasites back in June, 1945, while he was a busy Seabee on Guam. Plagued by abdominal cramps, diarrhea, and a total loss of appetite, he turned in at Guam and was under observation for a month before the presence of the parasites in his intestines was proved. Under the microscope these amoebae look a good bit like the benign amoebae nearly everyone has seen under a high school biology class microscope—like little globs of jello sliding off a tilted dinner plate.

If this particular tribe of luitolytica had not been especially ambitious and persistent, Hagar would have been able to evict them from his parsonage without much trouble, for he was immediately treated with emetine, a drug with definite anti-amoebic powers. In fact, he was given seven "courses" of emetine therapy eventually, but like so many who are exposed to courses, the amoeba wasn't interested and so there was no "take." In addition to the emetine, Hagar was given

vioform and carborrhone, the latter a drug containing arsenic, but still the amoebae refused to take the treatment seriously. Instead of being content with living in his bowel, as is usual, they migrated to his liver and nibdiaphragmatic space.

In fact, they seemed to be digging in for a long siege, because at the end of October a surprising thing happened. Hagar began coughing up quantities of pus from the amoebic abscess. This meant that the abscess had eroded through the diaphragm and through part of the right lung until a communication had been established between the abscess and at least one of the larger air passages, or bronchi. This is called a bronchial fistula.

So ever since that time Hagar has been coughing up "Anchovy sauce"—which is the descriptive name given to amoebic pus—to the amount of as much as half a pint daily. Twice, a needle was introduced into the abscess and each time a pint of the pus was withdrawn. But the wise amoebae had evidently burrowed into the wall of the abscess, for the flow of "Anchovy sauce" began again in a few days.

Several more courses of emetine treatment and several courses of treatment with chinioform, another anti-amoebic drug, were tried toward the end of 1945, and though each time Hagar's temperature would fall and his general condition would improve, the amoebae were always able to survive and cause a recurrence of the old symptoms.

So the internal medicine men threw up their hands in despair and called in the surgeons—a most humiliating admission of defeat. Believing in a more direct approach, Oak Knoll's surgeons a week ago opened a passageway to the abscess under Hagar's ribs. Then, about a week ago, on Hagar's birthday anniversary, they went in again and opened and drained the abscess, leaving a drainage tube in place so that the area could continue to drain and so it could be irrigated with amoebicidal drugs to kill off the amoebae embedded in the abscess wall. This should have been a strong hint to the parasite colony that Hagar wanted to celebrate his birthday alone.

In the past this type of treatment has been successful, and is expected to be so in Hagar's case, although a long time will be necessary for complete healing. After he's really on his way to cure, he will be sent to Memphis Naval Hospital, where he'll see his wife and two-year-and-five-months-old daughter for the first time in his

Young Captain, Captain Young, is Old Hand to Navy's Surgery Service

Nineteen years of consistent service, nineteen years of adventure marked by the skilled performance of professional duties—that is the background of Oak Knoll's new Chief of Surgical Service, Capt. Harold G. Young.

Captain Young admits that he entered the Navy after graduation from medical school "to see how he would like it." Those nineteen years provide a ready answer



Capt. Harold G. Young

to the still-quizzical, for his career has been the constant panorama of ship and shore assignments that provide an unending source of stimulating interest and a constant challenge to the ambitious physician or surgeon.

Originally from West Virginia, he attended his state university and received an A. B. degree. Next he traveled to Chicago and Northwestern University where he was graduated a Doctor of Medicine.

After joining the Navy he interned at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Massachusetts. Here he specialized in surgery. He states that surgery has been "his field" ever since.

At the conclusion of his assignment at Chelsea, he served at

Naval Hospitals at Philadelphia, Great Lakes, San Diego and Guam.

In 1929 he boarded the USS Arkansas for his first taste of sea duty and the following year he transferred to destroyer duty. That lasted another full year. In late 1931 he returned ashore and didn't sail again until 1939, when he boarded the cruiser USS Concord. He remained a member of her staff until 1941 and, with the outbreak of war, returned to the Arkansas. He saw duty in North Atlantic waters aboard her and participated in the African invasion in late 1942.

Asked about the importance of surgical attention aboard a large ship, he replied that the Navy plans provide for at least one surgeon within prompt call of all vessels. Such a precaution is merely a fulfillment of the Medical Corps creed.

Though the Arkansas was badly damaged at Casa Blanca, he found full opportunity to practice his saving profession when shore casualties were brought aboard there.

Captain Young returned to the States after North Africa and became executive officer of the Naval Hospital at Parris Island. This assignment lasted until 1944.

His next task was to organize and to take overseas to the South Pacific the Corps Evacuation Hospital No. 1. With this unit, he worked in conjunction with the Fifth Amphibious Marines. He became corps surgeon for the group which occupied Japan after Iwo Jima.

Four months after the end of the war, Captain Young returned home and reported to Oak Knoll. It is his first permanent assignment. This assignment here pleases him, you may be sure, for he has spent only seventeen months with his family since 1939.

His wife and twenty-two-year-old daughter reside with him here. As to the inevitable question regarding hobbies, the veteran doctor states that he has no free time in which to pursue them. This sounds most reasonable, judging from the continuous line of patients who see him daily and from the unending ring of the telephone.

i Am noT INebR ated

Starkle, starkle little twink,
Who the hell you are I tink.
I'm not as drunk as some think
peep I am.

Besides, I've only had tea and
toonies

And, anyway, I've got all day sobe
to Sunday up in.

I fool so feelish I don't know who
me yet.

But the drunker I sit here the
longer I get.

Movie Schedule

First Show, 1715; Second Show, 1930

Sat., 23 Feb., "Salty O'Rourke," Alan Ladd and Rosalind Russell.

Sun., 24 Feb., "Return of Frank James," Henry Fonda and Gene Tierney.

Mon., 25 Feb., "National Velvet," Mickey Rooney and Jackie Jenkins.

Tues., 26 Feb., "Whistle Stop," George Raft and Ava Gardner.

Wed., 27 Feb., "Gentleman Misbehaves," Osa Massen and Robert Stanton.

Thurs., 28 Feb., "Roaring Rangers," Charles Starrett, Smiley Burnette.

Fri., 1 Mar., "Abilene Town," Randolph Scott and Ann Dvorak.

two years of Naval service. This sort of dependents, he says, he doesn't object to having. Because for all the millions of amoebae he raised up from infancy, he never received a single discharge point in return.

SPORTS

Cagers Wrest Single from T. I.; League Opens for Keglers



On the bench, team members exhibit pained emotions as an important decision is called by the officials. Left to right, Bachman grimaces, Seeley worries, Magnusson (head hidden) despairs, Minnick ponders and Driscoll complains.

Following the playoffs recently by the Black and White leagues of the compound bowling tournaments, a new league of six teams has been formed. First games were rolled last week and show premature signs of what the final standings will be.

The teams are: Official Mail Room, Master-at Arms, the Electrons from X-ray, Welfare and Recreation Nos. 1 and 2, and a so far unnamed team made up of staff doctors. In the first games, Welfare and Rec No. 2 came out on top with Official Mail Room, tied up with three games each. Welfare and Rec No. 1 was runner-up with two games out of three.

The softball team is in need of talented players. Anybody with any experience at all in either baseball or softball is urged to sign up. See Adorable Jones, Welfare and Recreation.

Officers Reporting:

Comdr. Robert E. Rock (MC), U.S.N.R.; Lt. Harry B. Simpson (DC), U.S.N.R.; Lt. (jg) Francis G. Reineke (DC), U.S.N.R.; Lt. (jg) Martin E. Wright H(S), U.S.N.R.

Officers Detached:

Ch. Pharm. Harry G. Spring, U.S.N.; Lt. (jg) Edmund M. Collins (MC), U.S.N.R.; Lt. (jg) Thaddeus M. Klabacha (MC) U.S.N.R.; Capt. David O. Zearbaugh (MC), U.S.N.; Lt. (jg) Edward F. Krikseun (DC), U.S.N.R.; Lt. Robert P. Beverett (HC), U.S.N.; Comdr. Harold F. Thompson (MC)S, U.S.N.R.; Lt. Evert M. Hunt (SC) (S), U.S.N.R.; Pharm. Robert D. German, U.S.N.; Lt. (jg) David M. Little (MC), U.S.N.R.

A nice girl shouldn't hold a young man's hand . . . but on the other hand a nice girl has to.

"I met the most wonderful man last night. He invited me to a wonderful dinner at his apartment, and afterwards he showed me a dozen mink coats. Then he asked me to choose one for myself."

"Amazing! And what did you have to do?"

"Just shorten the sleeves."



In the dressing room before the Treasure Island game, the hospital cage team prepares to meet the T. I. challengers. Standing left to right: R. A. Jones (tying shoestring), J. D. Gilberg, R. B. Seeley, R. G. Reeves, J. F. Harkrader, R. G. Slader and R. Bachman. Kneeling: R. J. Driscoll, L. Minnick, L. H. Roik, L. N. Magnussen. The team is in training for the playoffs with San Leandro Naval Hospital that will decide the second place team in the 12 ND hospital league.

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Lost . . .

Gold ring—band. Keepsake. Finder please return to Gilgert, Ward 46A. Reward.

Personals . . .

Attention hospital patients from the following communities and counties in West Virginia: Morgantown, Fairmont, Clarksburg, Monogalia County, Preston County, and from the following communities in Pennsylvania: Uniontown, Waynesburg, Connelville, Brownsville, Fayette County and Green County. Patients from these places are asked to contact Miss Dorothy Munson, Red Cross, Ext. 11.

Wanted . . .

Two or three-room apartment, furnished or unfurnished. Contact Thomas Dohl, Photographic Arts.

For Sale . . .

Pedigreed Boxers for sale. U. S. A. Vet. Corps has four pure blood Boxers for sale at only \$125 each. Fine show points; are exceptionally well trained; 3 mos. old. Captain Jobe. Call WESt 6111, Ext. 4258.

Found . . .

Wearever Automatic Pencil at rate advancement e x a m s. Tuesday. Contact Mr. Painter, staff personnel office.

Wanted to Buy . . .

Good used 35mm. Argus camera—f4.5 lens. Contact J. W. Tornquist, Ward 49B.

Leather wallet, hand made, by patient at Oak Knoll. For further details, see information desk at ship's service lobby.

For Rent . . .

Room for rent, with kitchen privileges. Private bath. Call Hayward 2428W.



A tense moment passes in a recent game with Treasure Island as the globe plunges through the hoop and scores a bucket for the Knollers. Left to right are: Jones, Oak Knoll; Richter, Treasure Island; Gilberg, Oak Knoll; Johnson, T.I.; and Slater, Oak Knoll.

First sardine: Well, then, let's take the bus.

Second sardine: What! And be crowded in there like sailors?



Scuttlebutt

From the Red Cross office comes the story of the young seaman fresh in from overseas. He walked into the Ship's Service Building the other day and confronted one of the Red Cross workers with the question, "Say, miss, can you tell me where the hospital is?" One worker, after she had recovered her equilibrium, proceeded to orient him. The seaman honestly thought that our wards were barracks. The Red Cross, always ready for any emergency, is glad they straightened him out pronto on what's what, feeling that he could have just as easily walked into the Wave's barracks at the wrong time. (And if you've ever been strong-armed out of the Wave's barracks after 10 p. m., then you know that there is a wrong time.)

We were glad to welcome Jo Craig back aboard for a visit last weekend, damn it, we mean "last weekend."

For days now we've been trying to get the guest list of the master-at-arms party that was held at Redwood. No luck, though. They just won't reveal their names. It's funny, too, because all guests wore dress uniforms and anybody knows that nothing unreportable could happen in dress blues. We understand that the most popular toast-master-at-arms was not Rowested (in spite of the roaring fire).

Harold Hardin and Mary Phipps of O.P.D. are engaged. Golly, are they engaged!!! It must have taken Harold years to broach the question as he has a southern drawl longer than Sherman's march to the sea, which he incidentally thinks was nothing more than a retreat.

We have a new simile for people who are "as busy as"; "as busy as Dick Nelson of Stiff Personnel signing over Waves and interpreting orders."

Mouse Moise, do not read any further. Look what the first approaches of spring prompted S1c R. A. Degray to write about you-know-whom:

Rose colored lips
And eyes like the stars—
You've never seen such a queen.

From dawn until dusk she's
Excitingly fresh—
Nature fashioned her into a dream.
Now as I gaze on her cute smiling face,
Ever wishing she were my own,
Right away she says, "No," and
I'm out in the cold with a feeling of being alone.

Mary of Physio, always a Bryde but never a bride, will soon be Sgt. Mrs. to patient John R. Talevich, Marine Corps three-chevron'd man. For months here, gay Mary has served this hospital and its patients with a loyal firmness of purpose that has won her the friendship and popularity of all whose

Shadow, Substance



Most, most attractive civilian Gladys Kamp is dramatically captured by the impassionate camera at a recent all hands dance.

At jitterbug speed, the lens snapped and the result is one of the most torrid and terrific views ever caught here. Note the soft but effective lighting on the picture's subjects—that's it: keep your eyes on that lighting!

Deep in the shadows at far left is Miss Kamp's partner, AMM3c Morry Fried, ward 41B.

WORDS ARE NICE, BUT—

A Letter Is Better

20509 Whelton Avenue,
Hayward, Calif.
February 3, 1946.

Dear Commander Dorr:
My husband's imminent discharge from the Navy and our consequent return to the eastern part of the country prompt me to make this belated expression of my appreciation for the excellent care received while I was a patient in the Oak Knoll maternity wards from November 25 to December 17, 1945. I realize that the efficiency of you and your staff have made our family happiness possible.
Thank you.
Most sincerely,
(Mrs.) EDITH S. OTEPKA.

footsteps went near the Physio Dept. We say quiet plainly that little Mary's work and record is the only convincing answer to cynics who would deny the work of any or all Waves. Good luck to you and John, Mary.

Visiting Hours

Visitors to patients are asked to observe visiting hours set out by station order.

Visiting hours are from 1300 to 1600 daily and from 1900 to 2030 on Wednesday evenings.

Patients Have 'Picnic Of A Time' — On A Picnic

The patients of Ward 63B recently had a chance to see "What was on the other side of the hill" when they enjoyed a picnic at Redwood Park, given under the auspices of both the Red Cross and Navy Welfare and Recreation.

Upon arrival at the "haven of quiet" as expressed by patient Chuck Herzberg, the fellows settled down to the task of roasting weiners over a roaring fire in the lodge, and devouring, with great gusto, delicious potato salad, hot dogs, relish, cookies, fruit, and coffee, served by the Oakland Red Cross Canteen.

After "chow" vigorous activities such as horseback riding, baseball, horseshoes, ping-pong, and hiking for the really ambitious ones (although we still think they wandered off to enjoy the singing of the birds in solitude) were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

It was a tired, but very contented bunch of patients, plus nurse Miss Solden, Red Cross worker, Dottie Munson, and Navy Occupational Therapist, Ruth Hammond, who returned to Oak Knoll plenty glad for a sack into which to fall for a good night's sleep.

A jar of mayonnaise said to the refrigerator: "Close the door, I'm dressing."

Funeral director to aged mourner: "How old are you?"

"I'm 97, be 98 next month."

"Hardly worth going home, is it?"

We hear that one of the other hospitals has a chief so-o-o dumb that even the other chiefs are beginning to notice it.

Send Your Copy of THE OAK-LEAF Home!



From U. S. Naval Hospital
Oakland 14, California

To

Bill Kyne Gives Service Scrapbooks For Knollers

The Oak Knoll welfare and recreation department was the recipient of 100 beautifully bound service record scrapbooks, the gift of William P. Kyne, general manager of Bay Meadows racetrack on behalf of the track.

The attractive blue and green scrapbooks are organized in such a way as to present, when properly filled out, a complete story of the GI's life in the service. Pages are provided for photographs and clippings pertaining to different phases of training and service.

The books will be distributed to patients desiring to maintain such a record.

MOIPHY

By Penberthy



"PARDON ME, I MUST HAVE THE WRONG DRESSING ROOM."



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BUSSE WOWS; FIO RITO MONDAY



Henry Busse

Shuffle Rhythm King Henry Rains Heavenly Notes on Hospital Ears

Second in the 1946 series of big name orchestras to play engagements for Oak Knoll audiences, Henry Busse took the stand with his tune-prolific trumpet and scintillating "shuffle-rhythm," style to captivate the musical hearts of staff and patients at an afternoon show last Thursday in ship's service auditorium. The performance was presented by Welfare and Recreation.

Busse has been rated tops among America's popular dance bands for years and is at present supplying dancable rhythm to customers of the Rose Room of the Palace Hotel in San Francisco.

After signing in aboard Oak Knoll with his well-known musical theme, "Hot Lips," he hypnotized with such selections as "If I Loved

You," and "Symphony." One of the most popular numbers with the crowd was his "In the Hall of the Mountain King."

Busse has been popular with dancing couples the country over since leaving Paul Whiteman to form his own orchestra in 1936. When he was with Whiteman, he gained fame with his sensational trumpet recording of "When Day is Done," now in the classical realm.

Holding the vocal spotlight with the band were lovely Norma Clair, rhythm warbler, Bill Jacoby and novelty tunester Glenn West, band guitarist when not at the microphone.

Oak Knollers displayed their appreciation of the performance with a filled to overflowing auditorium.

Oak Knoll to Dance to Mello Music of Ted Fio Rito, His Piano and Orchestra

Straight from the footlights of the world comes Ted Fio Rito, his piano, and his orchestra to play for the dancing pleasure of patients and staff at Casa d'Oak Knoll on Monday 4 March.

The popular orchestra leader is including the hospital on a coast to coast tour at the behest of the Welfare and Recreation department.

Navy Relief Nets Neat \$877 in Annual Campaign

At the conclusion of Oak Knoll's annual Navy relief drive, Chief Pharmacist Maurice Nye, Security Officer, announced that the drive to raise additional funds had ended successfully with total contributions amounting to \$877.

All hospital wards and departments were thoroughly canvassed by selected representatives. Although all persons connected with the drive turned in excellent results, special praise should go to Lt. A. I. Klinker, nurse representative. Miss Klinker was extremely successful in her efforts on behalf of the campaign.

The Navy Relief Society, under direction of the Navy Department, disburses annually large sums of money to sailors, marines and their dependents who find themselves temporarily short of much needed funds. All money donated to the Society is used to aid service men at this activity.

Don't Be Modest, Mac, Put On Those Ribbons

(SEA)—Wearing of service ribbons is not optional—it is required on certain uniforms even if you're entitled only to the victory ribbon, says BuPers.

Commissioned officers, warrants and CPOs must wear all ribbons to which they are entitled on blue, white and working uniforms. Lower ratings must wear them on dress blues. They are part of the uniform, as defined in Navy Uniform Regulations.

The only exception is a long-standing custom giving flag officers—usually entitled to a chestful—

One of the first big name orchestras to play for a hospital dance, Fio Rito will take the spotlight for a stage show at 1400 and will return for an all hands dance at 2000. Both events will take place in ship's service auditorium.

Oak Knollers will recognize the fifteen piece orchestra by their well-known musical theme, "Rio Rita," a tune that has meant top quality music to dancers throughout the world for over 25 years. Dazzling thrush, Virginia Jackson will supply vocal entertainment.

Fio Rito is one of America's foremost arrangers, composers and conductors. His accomplishments as a musician have been outstanding ever since he and his band made their debut at the Hotel Tivoli in Atlantic City in 1919. He has played in all the leading hotels throughout the country, appeared in over twenty motion pictures, and has broadcast his music to the country at large over national networks.

Tunesmith Fio Rito has composed such well-known ballads as Boogie-Woogie Lullaby and Little Grass Shack. He has discovered a great many of today's top ranking stage and screen stars, among them, Betty Grable, Dave Rose, June Haver and Joey Hodges.

the privilege of omitting some ribbons if they choose.

Wearing of foreign decorations is optional, but they cannot be worn unless at least one U. S. decoration accompanies them. U. S. ribbons always take precedence.

Calling all patients interested in participating in patient talent shows. Miss Savarese of the Recreation Department is organizing a group, and any singers, dancers, piano players or comedians interested in giving afternoon ward shows, please contact her in Room 232, of the Red Cross offices.

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Wear Those Civvies Without Regret

Many a good man who has weathered the war and approaches shore with enough points in his sea bag to make him a free operator again pauses a long pause before he leaps to the gangplank. He has heard the Army and Navy pleas for reenlistments; he knows about the pay increases and the possibilities for advancement that have been offered; and he wonders if he isn't really vitally needed in view of the obvious fact that our most recent war has not answered any of the questions it was fought over.

Or he may be thinking that the only thing a war ever proved was who won it—and sometimes not even that. Or, if he is looking for a push toward the plank he may think, in Navy terminology, what an Army officer-doctor thought in Germany: "War for the most part is gruesome, horrible dying that is minimized to some extent by knowledge of tactics and proper supplies; very little indeed by being able to shoot or by any human attributes of an individual."

Such words may make a veteran wonder what he knows—especially Willie and Joe and the infantryman who had to admit he was born in Nashville but raised in New Guinea. For a generation that has spent about half of its years since adolescence in learning the technique of war, it may be quite a conundrum to figure out just what is the natural state of society among men—war or peace (can he even clearly remember and define the latter?).

If he can remember especially well, he will recall that history has almost as traditionally found our country unprepared for wars as it has found us successful in winning them. And he will recall that all of our major wars have been defensive.

We do not believe this is a coincidental correlation. We do not think it is healthy to the psyche of a nation to have a majority of its citizens at one time or another, or constantly, engaged in the study or act of winning wars. In fact, we think that if a nation has a soul it is highly likely to lose it in the maneuver of becoming a militaristic state. Wars are conducted by professional warriors, who are the minority. They are fought by inherent civilians who have the fortitude to fight—when they desire. And they are won by the combination of the two.

But constructive effort is the fort wherein the strength of any group lies. It is not to be found in the existence of a mammoth army or navy. The size of these is a diagnostic sign by which we measure the fear prevailing in a nation. If we spent all our time in nurturing our Army and Navy, we should soon find that we had lost what we were trying to protect, for we would have nothing worth defending—except, perhaps, our Army and Navy.

We have not been as inspired by the reading of rules and regulations as we have by the words of the physician, Sir William Osler, in suggesting a Master-Word of life: "... The stupid man among you, it will make bright, the bright man brilliant, and the brilliant student steady. With the magic word in your heart all things are possible, and without it all study is vanity and vexation. The miracles of life are with it. ... And the Master-Word is Work. ..."

We would say to the man with the necessary points: Do not think you are shirking by becoming a civilian. When The Military needs you, it will reach out and get you, as it did before. Go wear your tweeds. Read the humanities, the belles-lettres. Study pure science. Study pure nonsense. Even cultivate the lost (we are told) art of loving. But work hard at it. So that when the time is appropriate for an epitaph, either in peace or war, it may read like that of the Marine on Okinawa: "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay."

Bread and Buddha



(Official U. S. Navy Photo; SEA)

No, this isn't the funhouse at Playland-at-the-Beach. U. S. Sailors in Shanghai regard a baleful looking Buddha in Lung Hwa temple with some awe and more amazement. This Buddha is one of 500 in the temple located on the outer edge of the city.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Get Hep To Yourself

You've heard the old story of the man who had never seen a looking glass. He happened to find a mirror one day and looking into it, exclaimed, "Why, it's a perfect picture of my old grandpa!" The rest of the tale goes that when his wife was rifling his pockets that night, she came upon the mirror and said vehemently, "So that's the old man he's been running around with."

This is about as near as the average person comes to knowing himself. When we listen to a sermon or a lecture in which our faults are minutely pointed out, we say to ourselves, "What a picture of old McGutsky!" or, "Someone's been reading Jonesy's mail." But we never apply the words to ourselves. We never say: "Can I use this to my profit in my own life?"

Human nature is a funny thing. Every man and woman stationed here can do a good job of pruning and remodeling his or her neighbor's character. We know just what is wrong. We know all about running wards and mess halls and about administering discipline. But, we cannot correct ourselves of the puniest fault because we do not really know ourselves.

You know the type of person that appears very humble. They say a lot of hard things about themselves in the presence of others. They blame themselves for this fault and that. But if one of his or her companions says the same things about them, they are ready to fight back.

If we really knew ourselves, the battle would be more than half over. If we could take ourselves apart like a watch and find the broken wheels, the broken cogs, and the weak springs, we could do some intelligent repair work.

FATHER JOHN PATRICK GRIFFIN

Capt. Evans, New Chief of Medicine, Logs in from Guam

Oak Knoll extended a warm welcome last week to Captain Earl F. Evans, (MC) U.S.N., who ascended the gangway to take over duties as chief of medical service. Soft-spoken, Southerner, Dr. Evans carries with him sixteen years of Naval experience in medicine and



Capt. Earl F. Evans, (MC) U.S.N.

administration to fulfill the position recently vacated by Comdr. Dwight L. Wilbur.

Capt. Evans reported directly from Guam, where for two years he was executive officer of Fleet Hospital No. 115 until it closed last year, and recently of Base Hospital No. 18.

His chief duty at Oak Knoll will be coordinating and supervising all departments of the medical service. This will include consultations on patients whose cases present unusual problems or problems concerning departments outside the medical service.

When Dr. Evans entered the Navy in 1930, he was just out of the medical school at Tulane University. After an internship at U. S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, he embarked on the globe-trotting career in which he has practiced his profession in many places and circumstances. His first two assignments were at U.S.N.H., Parris Island, S. C., and the Naval Medical School, Washington, D. C.

In 1935, Dr. Evans received his first taste of sea duty aboard a destroyer. Duty on the little ships lasted until 1937 when he was assigned to U.S.N.H., Pensacola, Fla. For a year and a half, in 1939 and 1940, he went home to Louisiana as both a student and teacher at Tulane. While on duty there he was under instruction in advanced internal medicine and tropical medicine, which has since been his personal specialty.

Submarine duty with the Asiatic Fleet claimed him from 1940 through 1943. After spending the

SecNav Puts Officers' Full Dress in 'Cocked Hat'

(SEA) — The old fore-and-aft hat, frock coat and epaulettes of the Navy officer's dress uniform are on the way out along with the enlisted men's bell bottoms.

Secretary Forrestal revealed this in his annual report, saying the Navy is "fairly sure" the old dress uniform will not return, although this change is not being pushed as aggressively as changes for enlisted men. The dress uniform was suspended during the war.

Of the streamlining for enlisted men, he said: "In the interest of economy, no change in the uniform will be made until the stocks of existing uniforms have been completely exhausted. Of course, procurement of the present uniforms has ceased and the supply is limited to those already on hand. This supply, we estimate, will be exhausted within about 18 months. This interval . . . allows the Navy time to complete design of a new uniform and to procure it."

first years of the war with the undersea craft, he became medical officer of the Department of Physical Training at the Naval Academy. During this time he also taught Naval hygiene and sanitation to midshipmen. From there he went to his post on Guam.

Dr. and Mrs. Evans and their two boys have located their residence in Oakland. To them go the greetings and felicitations of all hands, and the hope for a successful and happy cruise aboard Oak Knoll.

New York — Number Please



Above, Mr. William Falvey of the New York Daily Mirror arranges free telephone calls home for patients from the states of New York, Connecticut and New Jersey. This generous service was made available by the newspaper's service to give returning veterans a chance to call their distant homes soon after they landed in the country.

Originally the fund was solicited from Mirror subscribers to provide calls for servicemen landing in New York to call West. With a bulk of the money left over, the newspaper sent Mr. Falvey to military hospitals on the Pacific Coast to present all patients from the three Eastern states, with tickets allowing the holder one call at any time. At Oak Knoll, over sixty patients were given these opportunities for a talk with their families. The calls will be made from the new telephone center.

In the shot above, patients receiving their call chits are, left to right: SC1c John E. Sloan, Lt. (jg) Robert A. Muir, S1c Richard H. Moody, Ens. Gabriel Lehrer, ARM1c Carmen G. Lacherza, Lt. Raymond McGowan, S1c Albert H. Carpenter, and Mr. Falvey.

Bed patients are provided with bedside telephone service, operating through the center. These patients rate priority over other long distance calls. Mr. E. W. Cannon, hospital telephone manager, is lending center facilities to full cooperation in this activity.

Noted Virtuoso Plays



Well-known throughout the Bay Area for her talent at the keyboard, Gabrielle Linhart, noted Berkeley pianist, is scheduled to provide a concert at the Officers' Club at 2000, tomorrow. Miss Linhart has selected for the evening's program, nine numbers from Bach, Scarletti, Mozart, Chopin, Debussy and Albeniz. Lt. Comdr. William M. Adams (MC), U.S.N.R., is in charge of the arrangements for the evening.

Two SepCenters To Close In April

(SEA)—With the demobilization program over the hump, the Sampson, N. Y., and Toledo, Ohio, separation centers are to be discontinued about 1 April 1946.

The remaining 16 enlisted separation centers will maintain the previously scheduled rate of discharges. The Sampson work will be absorbed by centers at Bainbridge, Md., and Lido Beach, N. Y., while Great Lakes, Ill., will take over for Toledo.

The grand total of discharges from Navy up to the week ending 9 February was 1,627,339.

Movie Schedule

- First Show, 1715; Second Show, 1930.
- Sat., 2 Mar.—"To Have and Have Not," Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall.
- Sun., 3 Mar.—"Deadline at Dawn," Paul Lukas and Susan Hayward.
- Mon., 4 Mar.—"Tonight and Every Night," Lee Bowman and Rita Hayworth.
- 2000—Dance, Ted Fio Rito and Orch.
- Tues., 5 Mar.—"Bandit of Sherwood Forest," Cornel Wilde and Anita Louise.
- Wed., 6 Mar.—"Terror by Night," Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce.
- Thurs., 7 Mar.—"California Gold Rush," Bill Elliott and Alice Fleming.
- Fri., 8 Mar.—"Shock," Vince Price and Lynn Bari.

OAK LEAF PUBLIC HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

NEUROSIS PHOBIA

By C. E. JOHNSON, JR.
Comdr. (MC)V-(S), U.S.N.R.

From one point of view, it is fortunate that the public in general has, largely as a result of the war, arrived at its present state of psychiatric consciousness. Best result has undoubtedly been the minimizing of the social stigma which has traditionally accompanied nervous and mental disorders. Undesirable results have been the inevitable concomitant of such a process of increasing public knowledge in this field which has unfortunately engendered the idea that all returning veterans are more or less clinical cases of psychoneurosis. Lay veterans, in refuting this trend of thought, have gone to the opposite extreme in posing such questions as "How shall we treat the civilians now that we are home from the war?" Neither extreme is tenable and both are unfortunate, as is the case of most extreme ways of thinking.

There is an old German saying which, translated, means: "Everyone has tuberculosis." Interpreted in the spirit in which it is meant, there is considerable truth in this statement. However, it does not mean that everyone has active clinical tuberculosis at all times. An analogy appears to exist in the case of

psychoneurotic disorders but we must be equally restrained in the interpretation of this.

Stated briefly, and not too accurately, an active clinical psychoneurosis represents an exaggeration of mental and emotional trends normally present. In the individual who has always assumed more than his share of responsibility, who has consistently been over-perfectionistic and a hard worker, if and when a psychoneurosis develops, it is usually an anxiety neurosis with resultant exhibition of the anxiety and neuromuscular tension which, as a life-long pattern, constituted a strong, though not always obvious, undertow in his personality picture. Similarly, in the biologically inadequate individual who has always evaded responsibilities and never fully developed his social consciousness, a psychoneurosis will often be manifested by withdrawal and substitution phenomena which he considers more socially acceptable and at the same time subservient to his subconscious needs. At this hos-

pital we have seen cases of hysterical blindness, lameness, deafness, and inability to speak, at an entirely subconscious level, which developed in individuals of this type when continued adjustment to almost unbearable conditions became impossible. Upon being evacuated to the United States and admitted to a hospital, where security became increasingly apparent, these disabling symptoms would often slowly and mysteriously clear up. In more severe cases, actual separation from the service was required before relative normalcy could be restored because this was the only way in which freedom from participation in combat could be assured.

In explaining mechanisms of the above type, the writer can hear mumblings of "NP gold-bricks." Such thoughts do a considerable injustice to many men who have performed, often, to their absolute limits. In fact, many highly decorated veterans have at some time during their combat experiences been severely psychoneurotic. In order

to soften the blow and to prevent misunderstanding, the diagnosis of Combat Fatigue was devised for these cases. The practical difference was that those who received a "fatigue" diagnosis were considered rehabilitable for further service, while rehabilitation was not considered feasible in a reasonable length of time in those who were diagnosed as psychoneurotic. The actual manifestations of the disorders were identical.

And so, it can be seen that an active disabling psychoneurosis is largely a matter of degree or relativity. This does not mean that everyone should be considered to be partly psychoneurotic or that the term should be used to explain all aches, pains and disturbances not otherwise explained.

The term psychoneurosis is used much too indiscriminately by the public and by many non-psychiatric physicians. Net result is that it loses clinical significance and the layman's conception is distorted. Psychoneuroses are of frequent occurrence but are not so common as is generally thought. Considerable harm can be the result of loose thinking along these lines.

Life on Wards: Red Cross Kept Busy With February Birthdays



The Women's Committee of the American Institute of Banking, convinced that "they (the patients) should have music," recently presented the hospital, through the auspices of the Camp and Hospital Council, American Red Cross, with 11 bedside radios. These radios were turned over to Navy Welfare and Recreation for distribution to the wards. Shown in the picture are, left to right, Mrs. Dorothy Reeves, president of the organization, Mrs. Florence Burman, and Miss Dorothy Munson, Red Cross recreation worker.

Ward 49B is unique on the compound, having as its "house guests" seventy-eight men from the same ship, the light cruiser, U. S. S. Amsterdam, of the Pacific Third Fleet. As could be expected, there is a great fraternal feeling among the men on the ward, who have certainly made the most of their confinement. They are proud of the fact that their captain comes to visit them regularly, and that their chaplain calls often to "chat and cheer."

A belated birthday cake arrived on 42A for McFall Wednesday afternoon, since a trip to surgery on his real birthday (February 8) necessitated postponement of the party. Music was supplied by the capable hands of a Red Cross Gray Lady, and an unexpected pleasure was added when Lambkin of 42B dropped in and gave forth with an impromptu concert and song fest. Lambkin again gave forth on the piano at a birthday party on 42B, on Thursday afternoon, for George Ray.

Last Tuesday was indeed a great day for Flores, on Ward 41A! Not only was it his birthday, but more important, his wife and new baby,

whom he had not yet seen, were here to help him celebrate. Happy birthday — and congratulations Flores!

February was, of course, quite a month for theme holiday parties and celebrations, with Lincoln and Washington's birthdays and St. Valentine's day to remember. Among the appropriate quizzes given for the holidays was the popular "Kiss Test," from which the patients learned whether they were "hot numbers" or whether their "batteries needed checking." High point man for the compound according to the latest report, is GM1c James Caldwell of Ward 63B. Wow!

Other February birthdays celebrated Thursday night on Ward 63B included the following men: AMM3c Troy Bristol, S1c James Carson, P1c Sam Dloogatch, CPhM D. M. Stethanian, S2c Robert Smith, S1c Arthur Gross, SK3c Albert Minyard and HA2c Robert Monett.

"And what did you do while you were in the Navy?" asked the judge.

"I was a corpsman, sir, at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital."

"Thirty dollars for panhandling."

Transportation Connects All Hospital Activities; Motorboys Prove—Horseless Carriage is Here to Stay

As the Marine who, after two recuperative years in Naval hospitals, rightly said when arriving at the portals of Oak Knoll and observing the spread formation of the hospital's architecture, "Holy gee whiz, sure is a bunch of buildings, and all over too." Our Marine gazed in pensive awe. He was accustomed to hospitals compressed into one or two multi-windowed buildings. He scanned the horizon and wondered what a patient would do if surgery, which was on the bottom of one valley, suddenly beckoned, and he was unconscious on the crest of a distant hill. The answer is Oak Knoll's transportation department.

Transportation is Oak Knoll's main connective link and is held in readiness by Pharmacist F. B. Holland, transportation officer. Thir-



HA1c E. D. Blodgett repairs the motor of a wounded jeep in the completely equipped shop maintained by the department.

ty-five sailors, ten civilian chauffeurs and four civilian mechanics form the human element down where golfers holed out on the eighteenth green in pre-war days. Inventories of all types of vehicles number one hundred and five, from huge Packard ambulances to the Willys jeeps. One ambulance is equipped with splints and first aid



Poised at the sides of their ambulances, ready to take off on a convoy are, left to right, civilian Jake McAllister, HA1c C. A. Rowe, civilian Tom Long and PhM3c Bert Burtoski.

kit and is held for immediate use on emergencies. Queen Wilhelmina, ruler of the Netherlands, recently presented the hospital with a needed four-wheeled patient retriever. Meditating the fact that there is a transportation wheel churning up a hill or angling toward a gang plank every minute of the twenty-four hour day, one can understand the importance of this unit to our hospital.

In a recent survey of the five most prominent extensions dialed at Oak Knoll, transportation's ext. 134 gave way to none save the Master-at-Arms' powerful ext. 280. This is ample proof that compound services of those rolling stretchers are in demand. Two hundred calls a day are handled within the wired gates of our base.

People of vocations other than military, not knowing of the activities and achievements of Mr. Holland's hustlers, passing physio and X-ray to visit kin or friend on a "40" ward, continually observe a parked ambulance. Some may wonder if it is planted there to give the effect of hospital scenery. That one and maybe twenty other ambulances run a constant stream of patients to be X-rayed or to re-

ceive physical medicine. "All in a day's work," says driver PhM3c Johnny Wood as he collapses over his sack with the din of engines still ringing in his ears.

As in the era before the opening of U. S. Fleet Hospital No. 113, San Francisco, and now because the receiving station at Hunter's Point is secured, Oak Knoll again is the first host to the returning wounded in the Bay Area. Whenever a ship docks or an airplane taxis across a field, Oak Knoll's four-wheeled representatives are on hand to transport the returnees to an inner-spring mattress at the hospital. Every day our trademarked ambulances wheel over the Bay Bridge as another group of servicemen land stateside. "All in a day's work," says driver PhM3c Laurence Jones as he crawls to his top sack, the word convoy frozen to his earlobes.

The proverbial proverb that deals with a chap named Jack who was a hard working but dull fellow because he labored all day and no fun did he have, does not even faintly remind one of the gay pedal lads of transportation. There is that unmistakable gleam that musters into the roadweary eyes of the motorboys when some articulate fellow relates the tale of the lady Marine who gave birth to a child in the Chevrolet sedan as it was two-wheeling the last turn on the path leading to the maternity ward. (Both the Marine sergeant and baby are doing fine.—Ed.) There is a chap who blows his top at the mention of Reno. He was one of the boys who drew the assignment to pick up a station wagon at the biggest little city in the West, and couldn't stay long enough to even smell the money that grows on every tree and bush.

When the daily chores have ended and the congregation meets in the small office, Wino steps out to lead the frolics. Wino is a small, white and brown canine of undetermined parentage, a mixed breed

that has really been mixed. So deep is the affection for little Wino that when she took ill, the boys contributed their coin and sent her to a veterinarian with a small prayer that she would return soon.

"All in a day's work and play," says Mr. Holland as he sinks into unconsciousness with the assurance that the day of the horse and buggy is definitely a thing of the past. . . .



PhM3c I. M. Banks finishes gas-sing one of the many trucks preparatory to sending it on one of the many errands demanded of the department.

Statistics show that one-legged fishermen seldom fall down while wading. We know one one-legged angler personally. He lost the other one while poking good-natured fun at a buzz saw, and had it replaced with an aluminum job, made by the Dodd Artificial Limb Co. He is very proud of it. When somebody suggested that he turn it in during an aluminum scrap drive, he indignantly refused.

"I don't give a good Dodd gam!" he said. — (From "To Hell With Fishing," by T. H. Webster and Ed Zern, published by D. Appleton-Century Co., Inc.)

I tried to kiss her by the mill,
One starry summer night.
She shook her head and sweetly said:
"No, no, not by a dam site."



So he wrote me up for needing a hair cut and not shaving.



HA1c M. K. Gibbs and HA1c C. A. Rowe stand by as PhM3c Bill Manning is about to answer an emergency call.

Our Doctor

Step into the small office adjoining patient personnel, directly posterior to the glassed encased trophy display and meet Captain James B. Pettis (MC), U.S.N.R., Oak Knoll's draft coordinator. Dr. Pettis has been supervising and



**Capt. James B. Pettis
(MC), U.S.N.R.**

disbursing patients to hospitals near home since arriving from U. S. Naval Receiving Hospital 113, San Francisco.

Captain Pettis began his Naval career in World War I as an apprentice seaman aboard a minesweeper. His boatswain has a pet theory that this apprentice seaman looked very well astride the ship's crow's nest. Captain Pettis refused the honor of the bird's eye view one day, saying it was the job of a seaman, second class. Next day he was handed an advancement to seaman, second class—and told where to go . . .

Dr. Pettis returned to the Navy in September, 1941, with the rank of Lt. Comdr. and one of few men in the comparatively new field of neuropsychiatry. After tours of duty at the Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va., and thirteen months in the neuropsychiatric department at Norfolk Naval Hospital, he was transferred to the newly formed training center at Bainbridge, Md. There, Dr. Pettis organized a 150-bed neuropsychiatric department and supervised neuropsychiatric screening and testing of all Navy trainees. Captain Pettis' next assignment was the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in April, 1945, and then to Fleet Hospital 113, where he presided as chief of the neuropsychiatry department.

Dr. Pettis attended William and Mary College and subsequently received a Bachelor of Science degree from Morris Harvey College in 1923. In 1930, Dr. Pettis graduated from the Medical College of Virginia, and began his internship at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital under the tutoring of the renowned psychiatrist, Dr. W. A. White. Captain Pettis has also held positions as director of Mental Hygiene

To buy..sell..rent

NOTICE: "The Oak Leaf" does not accept paid advertising. The following items are printed as a free service for the hospital's patients and staff. Deposit items in "The Oak Leaf" contribution box in the lobby of Ship's Service. Incidentally, it is NOT a mail box.

Found . . .

Parker pen, in ship's service auditorium. Contact PhM2c Joseph Mazurek, Ward 55, after 1400.

Lost . . .

Parker "51" fountain pen. Gold cap. Name engraved on barrel. Reward. Call B. L. Hanlin, PhotoGraphic Arts, Ext. 183.

For Sale . . .

Pedigreed Boxers for sale. U. S. A. Vet. Corps has four pure blood Boxers for sale at only \$125 each. Fine show points; are exceptionally well trained; 3 mos. old. Captain Jobe. Call West 6111, Ext. 4258.

Wanted . . .

A ride for three beautiful girls living in Berkeley. Would like permanent transportation to and from hospital. Call Red Cross Recreation, Tr. 5767, Ext. 11.

Wanted to Buy . . .

Four or five passenger coupe, late model car. Contact Ens. Louisa Clark, at Physio Therapy.

We heard of one sailor who got a job after his discharge. He works in a bloomer factory and pulls down two thousand a year.

A sailor visited his girl friend the other night. He picked up an apple from a large bowl of fruit. "Have one," he offered. "An apple a day keeps the doctor away."

Looking at her swain with hardened eyes, the girl replied, "It's too late for apples now."

Joe: This is a wonderful country. Where else can you walk down a street, meet a perfect stranger, and be invited to dinner and then to spend the night in his hotel?

Moe: Did that happen to you?

Joe: No, but it happened to my sister.

Voice at the P. O. window: "Any mail for Cadadwinskiernaszly?"

Voice from rear: "What initials, bub?"

Officers Reporting:

Lt. (jg) Martin E. Wright H(S), U.S.N.R.; Lt. (jg) Paul J. Smith (D), U.S.N.R.; Capt. Earl F. Evans (MC), U.S.N.; Lt. (jg) Alvin T. Grundahl (MC), U.S.N.R.; Pharm. Ernest D. Paul, U.S.N.; Lt. Harold H. Edelbrock (MC), U.S.N.; Comdr. James Crawford (MC), U.S.N.; Pharm. Ralph S. Lyons, U.S.N.

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Lt. (jg) Francis G. Reinke (DC), U.S.N.R.; Lt. Fountain C. Beattie (MC), U.S.N.; Capt. Paul W. Greely (MC), U.S.N.R.; Ch. Pharm. Ernest T. Paaske-son, U.S.N.; Ch. Pharm. Albert Bauer, U.S.N.

Clinics in New Jersey and was Clinical Director of West State Hospital in Virginia.

SUIT CASE OF THE WEEK

Navy's Loss is Irving Feld's Gain Versatile Editor Leaves Service

By CPL RAY AVERETT
U.S.M.C.R.

The sound of low persistent sobbing came from within. A tired voice wailed, "How sad, how very, very sad! How can they function? It can only mean the end, the sad, sad downfall of our beautiful U. S. Navy."

Within the hallowed portals of the office of the "Oak Leaf" stood the sad and dejected figure of magnificent Irving Feld, softly singing "Let It Snow."

Our erstwhile editor was preparing to retire.

Full speed ahead this week from Oak Knoll's Navy steamed different, indifferent Irving Feld, waspish-witted, word-wise managing editor of the *Oak Leaf* and queasy quartermaster in Lt. Mary Sherrill's office of public information for over a year.

Besides writing on walls during his tour of duty here, platinum-toned Feld authored radio scripts, letters and press releases for the office of public information and met the weekly deadline with editorial, news and feature contributions to the station newspaper. With the departure of Trondby Fenstad a few months ago, he took over the management of the *Oak Leaf*.

Once upon a time Irv had a special watch. The patient was very ill and in a great deal of pain. Poor Irv—the ward nurse came in and handed him a hypo syringe and some cotton. "Give him this," she said, then turned and walked out. Irv, turning greener by the stroke, wiped and wiped and wiped until the patient was quite sterile and quite bruised. Fortunately a Marine came in and gave the patient his shot while Irv gasped with relief in the corner and tried desperately to save the situation by dramatically spouting, "I regret that I have but one hypo to give for my Navy."

Born in the family library in the late summer of 1920, the infant Irv immediately pronounced himself a prodigy. Upon this subject he discoursed freely until graduation from Missouri University's School of Journalism at the tender age of 20, at which time he became a self-ordained genius. This topic of his genius has since been subject to a great deal of verbose confirmation by the great man himself.

Shortly after college left him, Feld formed the F. & F. Realty Corp., a defense housing firm that operated in Missouri and Oklahoma. With the end of cantonment construction in that area, in early 1943, he was employed as a technical writer by General Motors' Fisher Cleveland Aircraft Division, manufacturers of B-29 and P-75 assemblies.



**PhM3c Irving Feld
Out of Uniform**

His wife is the former Mary Elizabeth Buechler of West Point, N. Y., daughter of Gen. and Mrs. Theodore E. Buechler. Feld is the father of two children, Geo. Bruce, 4, and Mary Theo, 3.

For superior pen services performed with a colorful, stylish distinction,

— Well Done, Irving Feld! —

(No farewell to Feld would be complete without a word from his close friend, capable Art Editor Johnny—the-Pen Penberthy. See here it is, unstinted from the Pen handle; incidentally, Johnny's first attempt at shaping words.—Ed.)

Like General Motors, the "Oak Leaf" also has been crippled with a walkout. Irving Feld, managing editor of our hospital paper for months, left today for discharge.

A thirty-day leave, shipping over pay and similar proposals were offered by the Navy to get the witty editor back to his desk but he refused to collaborate and accepted the terms offered by civilian life.

Popular Irv was an editor and journalist to the last. As he waited for his train to depart, he could be seen passing out copies of the "Oak Leaf." As his train departed, Feld could be seen picking them up on the deck under the supervision of an S. P.

Like Senator Claghorn, Irv Feld is from the South, Missouri this is. While waiting for his train, he was presented with a free railroad ticket on the Union Pacific but he passed it up and waited nine hours in the depot for the Southern Pacific, drinking mint juleps out of Dixie cups.

Good luck, Irv, we'll be missing you—and we ain't just whistling Dixie.

(We watched him disappear in a cloud of Irv. The Feld was with us no more.)

'The White Weekend' - Starring All Hands



Above are scenes taken at a recent Welfare and Recreation ski trip at Slide Inn Lodge. Trips will continue throughout the month of March.

Do you experience a certain boredom sweep over you and a lack of incentive when week-end liberty comes round? Does the very thought of mingling in a buzzing metropolis leave you flat and insipid? Do you crave a different environment and new activities on Saturday and Sunday, just for a change? Let us take you away from all this—let us take you to Slide Inn Lodge for some outdoor frolics, or as the English put it, "Have a go in the snow, old top."

On the weekend of 16 February, thirty-five enterprising patients, waves, nurses, and corpsmen boarded the orange omnibus for a weekend up and down some of the Sierra Nevada's finest snowy slopes. During four hours of traveling upward, all possible harmonies and arrangements of that popular ballad, "Let It Snow, Let It Snow, etc," were sung, chanted, and "beat" to death. The smoke of Slide Inn Lodge could be seen rising above the white cloaked pine and fir trees. And as the laden vehicle slushed toward the friendly

cabins, all inside the bus waxed enthusiastic and eager for their first bodily contact with the gleaming snow. After a dinner composed of roast turkey and corresponding delicacies, the happy people danced and drank and sat by the fireplace. Then, with the moon glistening on the snow, all hands took to the hills for a moonlight, midnight toboggan slide—and then to bed. Early next morn' the skis were fastened, the skates were laced and Newton's gravity theory of things

falling, went through a severe strain. After dinner the merry people once again donned their equipment and glided toward famous Bald Mountain and its strength preserving ski tow. Rounding out the day was a free-for-all, roll-'em-in-the-snow, snowball fight. Thirty-five, reluctant to leave, happy Oak Knollers kissed the snow goodbye, promised each flake that they would return soon and thanked them for being so nice and soft and slippery and for making the weekend swell, elegant and 4.0.

OKIE



"MIND OVER METER"



Pleasant Point Accumulators



Adorable Mary Lucille and terrific Terry, 3, are swinging in the back of their Brooklyn home and swinging in the heart of daddy MM3c John B. Gallagher, patient on ward 70A. They are helping to swing his discharge now with ten helpful points. He will join them as soon as the doctor's word sends him back to duty and discharge.

(Staff and patient husbands are invited to submit pictures of their own wives, daughters and sons to the *Oak Leaf* for publication.)

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A Letter To Protestant Personnel

We know that many of you would appreciate special services during the Lenten or pre-Easter season. We also realize the difficulty of arranging a service at an hour during the working day that all can attend.

But—it is now possible for us to worship during the noon hour in the Ship's Service Auditorium. This will give us a place central to the entire compound.

The services will begin on Monday March 4th and will conclude on Friday, April 19th. They will be held on week-days, excepting Saturday, between 1215 and 1250. You may feel free to come and go at your convenience.

Guest ministers will be invited who represent various denominations.

We offer you this opportunity to draw closer to your Lord and share with us in a deepening of our knowledge of Christ our Savior.

Sincerely yours,

THE PROTESTANT CHAPLAINS.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, J. A. Talley, A. T. L. Armstrong, W. F. Summers.

Sunday—

Morning Service 1000
Communion Service 1100
Evening Vespers 1930

Weekday—

Morning Devotions 0730
Vesper Service 1600
Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
Choir—Tuesday & Thursday, 1400-1500.
Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Christian Science:

Wartime minister will be at the reception office in the Chapel every Tuesday at 1400 to 1600.

L. D. S. (Mormon):

Services 1930 Thursday.

Catholic:

Chaplains—Nicholas F. Gruber, J. P. Griffin.

Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130.
Saturday Mass—0800 and 1630.

Weekday Mass—0800 and 1630.
Confessions before all Masses.
Novena and Benediction, 1830 Tuesday.
Catholic Chaplain's offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Jewish:

Divine Service—2000 Friday, conducted by Mr. Bernard Miran.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1900 to 2000 on Fridays.

On and Off the Bookshelf

"In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love," according to Tennyson. If the housing problem or the Navy force you to keep on dreaming, the library is prepared to help you dream, with some new books on houses and gardens. Some of the best dreams can be conjured up by the following:

Creighton: *Planning to Build.*

Dunham: *Planning Your Home For Better Living.*

Ford: *The Modern House in America.*

Nelson: *Tomorrow's House.*

Townsend: *How to Plan a House.*

Williams: *The Small Home of Tomorrow.*

Wills: *Better Houses for Budgeteers.*

When you begin to think about the interior and upkeep of your dream house, you might look at these books:

Ford: *Design of Modern Interiors.*

Popular Science monthly: *New Home Workshop Encyclopedia.*

Terhune: *Decorating For You.*

For landscaping and gardening ideas, the titles listed below will help you:

Kains: *Propagation of Plants.*

The receiving ward called the O.O.D. one night and reported, "Sir, we have a case of Beri-Beri here. What shall we do with it?"

The voice on the other end of the phone, after a minute's hesitation replied, "Send it up to Ward 43B. They'll drink anything."

Ortloff: *Garden Planning and Building.*

Rockwell: *10,000 Garden Questions Answered by 15 Experts.*

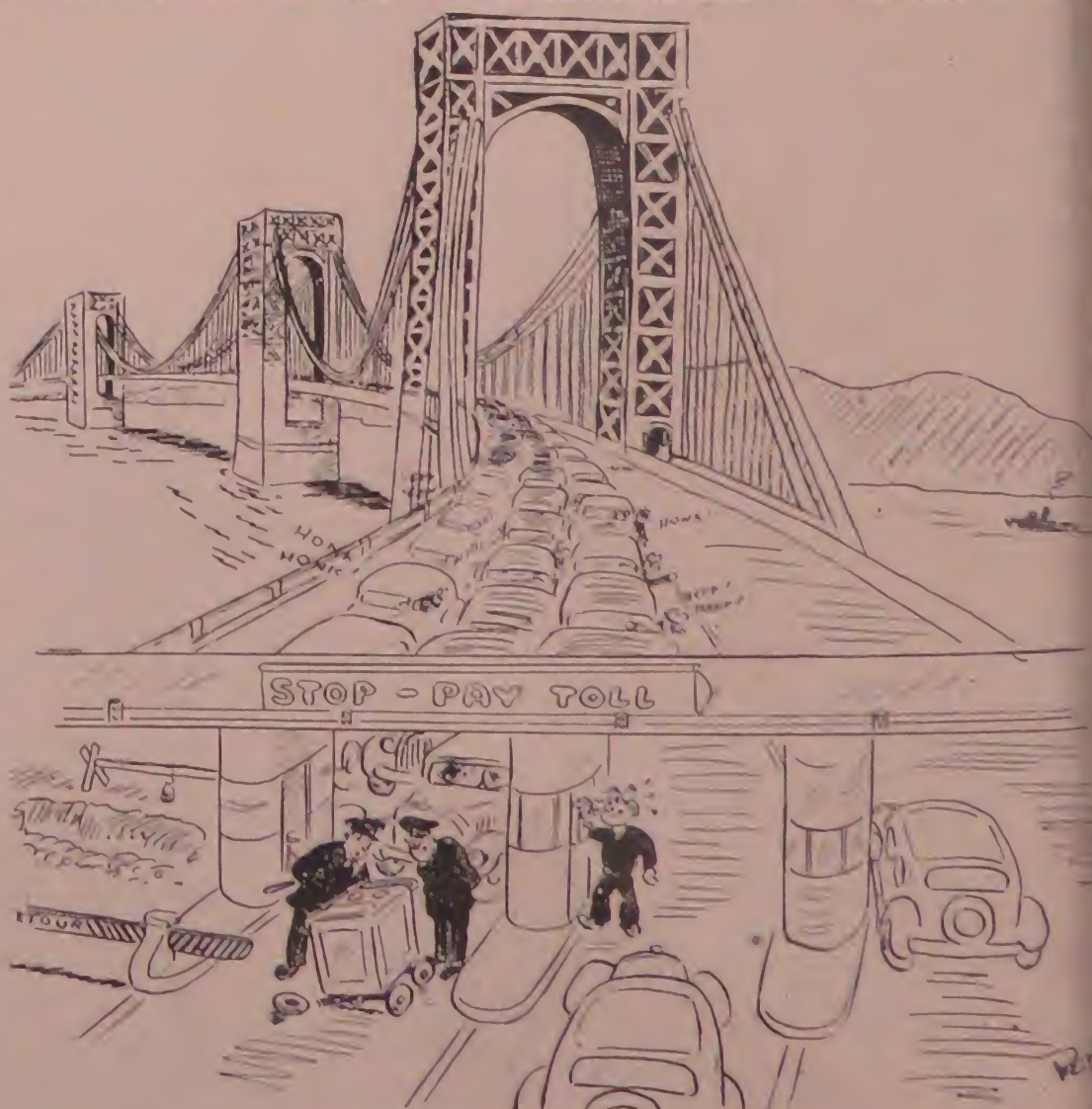
Sunset's *Vegetable Garden Book.*

Uppman: *Sunset's Visual Garden Manual.*

The Library also subscribes to the following periodicals: *American Home*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, and *Sunset Magazine*, all of which carry articles on landscaping and home-planning.

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By Penberthy



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Oakland 14, California

To

The reason Cupid makes so many bad shots is that he is aiming at the heart and looking at the hostess.

A sailor on leave was paying a bill at a fashionable hotel. Looking at the girl cashier who was taking his money, he asked her what she had around her neck.

"A necklace, of course. Why do you ask?"

"Well," the sailor replied, "everything else around here is high, I thought it might be a gem."

Newest definition of a wolf in man who wants to settle down and live "Forever Amber."



THE OAK LEAF



Ted Fio Rito Scores at Hospital All Hands Dance



Ted Fio Rito

Life is Pleasant With Jr. Chamber

Because of the efforts of the Oakland Junior Chamber of Commerce and Oak Knoll's Welfare and Recreation Department, patients have an excellent opportunity to increase their social activities by taking advantage of the many "off the compound" recreational activities. Ken Burrie, representing the Junior Chamber of Commerce, has contacted many of the Bay Area's fashionable restaurants and hotels and has made arrangements for patients of Oak Knoll to enjoy their hospitality.

Each night a party of eight patients, accompanied by a Welfare and Recreation representative, are guests at either the Claremont Hotel, Trader Vic's, Planter's Dock, the Town House, St. Francis Yacht Club or the Lake Merritt Hotel. The managers always prepare special meals and entertainment for the patients just returned from overseas. Transportation both to and from the activities is provided by the Recreation Department.

Mr. Burrie has also been instrumental in securing theater tickets and passes to stage plays appearing in this area. The Oakland Junior Chamber of Commerce has done much to make the patient's life at Oak Knoll more pleasant and enjoyable.

Oak Knoll has just danced passed a milestone in entertainment and pleasure. Last Monday night Ted Fio Rito brought his musicmakers and the guys and gals brought their special (used only on great occasions) dancing shoes, and the result was a gala evening for all.

Mr. Fio Rito, wanting to ensure his hospital public of a joyous evening, staged a preview of his harmonious highlights that afternoon. When the moon had risen to its 2000 height, Ted chorded his opening downbeat and the festivities officially began.

The happy people poured into the auditorium by the four scores and tens. Dressed in their fineries, all hands put their best foot forward and tripped the light fantastic for the rest of the evening. They swirled, they spun, they waltzed, they jitterbugged as Fio Rito sprinkled the hall with synopating notes of rhythm.

When the time came for vocal expressions of love or blues, Miss Virginia Jackson stepped daintily into the spotlight. She emitted lilting melodies with a set of gorgeous and shapely vocal chords. The male population decidedly increased around the bandstand when Miss Jackson added her words and music—and personality to the jubilant gathering.

Thank you, Ted Fio Rito, for providing 4.0 entertainment. Thank you, Welfare and Recreation, for the revolving rainbow polka-dotted lighting and for making this musical memory possible.

Wash. Oranges From Calif. Given by Tex. Co.

Very rare delicacies, Washington navel oranges fresh from California orchards, were given out to all hands last week, a gift of the Texas Company.

Over 300 crates of the large golden citrus fruit were received in good condition and distributed in all wards and barracks. The oranges were sent by J. R. Scanlin, representing the oil company at their Fillmore, Calif., refining plant.

Red Cross Asks Record Donation

The Red Cross shoe is on the other foot this month. Every day of every month the American Red Cross stands ready to extend the helping hand, but in March these volunteer workers ask your hand in contribution. This month the Red Cross is soliciting for funds which will carry them through another year of helpful service. Patients and staff of Oak Knoll are the direct benefactors of their support.

An individual Oak Knoll campaign for funds in support of the American Red Cross is being conducted, ending 15 March. No definite goal has been set for the hospital's contribution quota, but there is a great need for money which will enable the Red Cross to continue their humane work.

Donations should be turned in to the security office, second deck, building one. Membership in the International Red Cross is issued on contribution of over \$1.00. Lt. (jg) R. M. Roberts (HC), USN, security officer, is in charge of the drive at the hospital.

Financial aid given by you will travel all over the world, wherever a canteen or a disaster station is manned by these samaritans. Last year Oak Knoll contributed the largest sum of any service hospital in this area. Let's make it two years in a row.

Alnav Ends Time In Rank Promotions

In an Alnav received here this week the Navy announced that after 1 March 1946 EN BLOC promotions of officers would be based on the needs of the service instead of time spent in rank. During the war Warrant Officers, Ensigns and Junior Lieutenants were promoted to the next highest rank after eighteen months and Lieutenants after twenty-four months. Promotion Alnav 1 March 1946 will be excluded from this order.

The Navy Department also announced recently that the forthcoming professional examinations for appointment to the Medical Corps, USN, will be open to Reserve Medical Officers completing internship between January and July, 1946. Examinations are to be held for the purpose of accrediting all Reserve Medical Officers lacking six months' active duty in commissioned rank but otherwise eligible for the opportunity to qualify for appointment to Medical Corps, USN.

The Welfare and Recreation Department announced this week that a limited number of tickets are available for the Standard Hour presentation of the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, 17 March. Interested persons may pick tickets in the Welfare and Recreation Office.

Rio Rita . . .



Honor members of the loveless stag line crowd around the bandstand as the terrific Virginia Jackson pours out the Blues.

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U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California

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Victory Through Lung Power

For the last several years argument has raged pro and con on the value of the long range bomber versus the battleship and even carrier based aircraft. Major Alexander de Seversky, exponent of the use of the long range bombers, has stated time and again his point of view without much comment from the other side.

The other day we read an editorial in the February 4th edition of the *San Francisco Chronicle* which we think ably answers Mr. Seversky's opinions. So that you who have missed it may get an understanding of the other side of the controversy we have reprinted it in full.

"Discussing the Pacific war in the February *American Mercury*, Alexander de Seversky states: 'The Navy's sole contribution was to help conquer bases from which air power could operate to win the war.' And by 'air power' the Major specifies that he means land-based air exclusively; the carrier, he contends, contributed nothing.

"Let us see how the Major develops this curious theory:

"He says, by way of preface, that had the Japanese had any effective air power the Navy wouldn't have been able to conquer the bases in the first place. A few thousand Army and Navy pilots who met the Japanese air force at first-hand would hardly see eye to eye with him here.

"He says, further, that the only way the Navy was able to get into Japanese mainland waters was for the Army air force to go in first and bottle up the Japanese fleet by dropping a lot of mines, and subdue the Japanese air force by destroying several thousand planes. The Major neglects to say that this job was made easier by the incidents of the first and second battles of the Philippine sea—Navy jobs, both.

"He says, further, that the Navy's statements that the final victory over Japan resulted from 'teamwork' between the services constituted a bald-faced grab, by the Navy, for credit to which it was not entitled.

"The truth,' says de Seversky, 'is quite different. Army aviation dropped 156,699 tons of bombs on Japan, as against 6,781 tons dropped by carrier planes; 96 per cent of the total as against 4 per cent. Moreover, the Naval forces could move forward to contribute their 4 per cent only after General George Kenney's air forces had crippled Japanese air power by knocking out many thousands of Japanese planes.'

"The truth, we say, is also that Army aviation could move forward to drop its 96 per cent of the bombs only after the Navy's amphibious forces had taken Saipan.

"We wonder how many B-24s and B-29s could have flown from Saipan, Guam, Okinawa, Iwo Jima and the Asiatic mainland bases if the Navy hadn't maintained a bridge of ships to bring them fuel from the United States.

"We wonder how many strategic bombers could have reached their targets and returned if the carrier-based planes hadn't spent a patient couple of years systematically whittling down the very cream of Japan's aviation, her Naval air force.

"In his perennial arguments in behalf of strategic bombing, it is obvious that de Seversky, left to his own devices, would brook no such outmoded method of operation as teamwork among the services. His idea of teamwork is to throw out the Navy, throw out the ground forces, throw out the short-range tactical aircraft, and concentrate on the building of tens of thousands of long-range bombers.

"Had we applied de Seversky's theory to the recent war, it might, as the Major suggests, have been a short war, indeed. But by now our backs might be aching pretty severely from the unaccustomed bowing and scraping to the sign of the Rising Sun."

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Have You Lost Your I. D. Card in a Crowd?

For many months you have slept in barracks, one row after another, and each bunk like the others. You have marched in line with many other men who dressed alike, ate the same food, talked the same slang alike, and thought and carried out orders alike. In spite of the fact that you have not been aware of your individuality God has kept you labeled as an individual just as sure as the M.A. has labeled you as an individual. If you think that you are not an individual try getting around with someone else's I.D. card.

Jesus always sees you as an individual even when you are in a large crowd. The best sermons Jesus ever preached were those preached to one person. Every time Jesus was in a crowd he always picked out one person, upon whom he centered his attention and his sermon.

When Jesus was once at the home of Peter, people heard of him being there and a great crowd gathered to see and hear Him. A young man who was afflicted on his bed, with all power of locomotion gone, had heard of Jesus being at Peter's home. Four of the afflicted young man's friends knew that Jesus had power to heal and were determined to place their afflicted friend before Jesus. They took the paralytic on a mat to the home of Peter, but were unable to reach Jesus because of the crowd. Now Peter had covered the porch over with straw to keep the rain out and to use when guests arrived. The four men took the afflicted man on the mat to the top of the house by going over the outside steps, pulled the straw away, and let him down in front of Jesus as he was preaching to the crowd.

Now you would think that Jesus would not notice the man who had had the attention of a large crowd. To the surprise of the helpless man, Jesus immediately turned his attention entirely to the man and forgot the crowd. Surely, thought the crowd, the sick man ought to wait when there are so many others. What an audience and what an opportunity to preach to many people. But that is the way Jesus dealt with people—one by one. One sick soul claimed all of his attention and that church service was a success. Notice this—when Jesus saw their faith, meaning the faith of the four men who brought the sick man, he said, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Even if the sick man had no faith the faith of his friends was sufficient for Jesus to heal. Does that give you an idea of a way to help your fellow man to become physically and spiritually cured? Is your faith strong enough to help others who are lacking faith?

Notice that Jesus did not call this man, hey Joe, hey Bud, but he used a term of endearment which is better translated as "my child." Two Bible writers use the word "my son," Luke has it "friend."

Jesus then, not only knows you as an individual, but he calls you by a name which indicates his personal relationship with you.

Jesus said, "I say unto thee, arise!" Immediately the helpless man arose and carried his cot on his back home.

Jesus had faith in that man that he could walk and he gave a command which aroused the helpless man's will power into quick action. So the story ends.

I have faith in you today, and so does Jesus, that you can walk physically and spiritually again. I say to you today, "rise and walk." Rise out of the mire of sin, rise out of the crowd and mass life, arise out of your old self into new will power; arise from slavery of habit, defeat and weakness; arise to the higher levels of manhood. Discharge the old man of sin—he has enough points of sin, and take the new life, which is your better self.

Jesus has dealt with you as an individual. Will you treat him as an individual? Will you treat him as a crowd or take him as an individual friend?

CHAPLAIN JOSEPH A. TALLEY

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, J. A. Talley, A. T. L. Armstrong, W. F. Summers.

Sunday—

Morning Service 1000
Communion Service 1100
Evening Vespers 1930

Weekday—

Morning Devotions 0730
Vesper Service 1600
Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
Choir—Tuesday & Thursday, 1400-1500.
Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Christian Science:

War-time minister will be at the reception office in the Chapel every Tuesday at 1400 to 1600.

L. D. S. (Mormon):

Services 1930 Thursday.

Catholic:

Chaplains—Nicholas F. Gruber, J. Griffin.

Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130.
Saturday Mass—0800 and 1630.
Weekday Mass—0800 and 1630.
Confessions before all Masses.
Novena and Benediction, 1830 Tuesday.
Catholic Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Jewish:

Divine Service—2000 Friday, conducted by Mr. Bernard Miran.
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound on Tuesdays, Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office in the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1800 to 2000 on Fridays.

New Telephone Center Provides Better, More Convenient Service to Hospital



The new telephone center is resplendent with comfortable chairs, magazines and writing facilities for the convenience of those who suffer "slight delays" in the completion of their calls.

Morning Dip Begins Again

California summer is on its way as was evidenced this week by the opening of the hospital swimming pool. During the winter the pool's face was lifted and several new features were added to provide more pleasure for the swimmer. A wind-break has been erected inside the fence to discourage chilly California breezes, and coco-mats have been placed along the pool edges to prevent slipping and falling. Also popular with the swimmers are the new lawn chairs which have been placed on the sun deck. For aquatic frivolities web-feet, flutter boards and face masks will be available. The life guards also report that the water will be maintained at a comfortable heated temperature.

Schedule of Pool Hours

Monday through Friday.
0630-7000—Morning dip.
800-0900—Maintenance of pool.
0900-1100—Convalescent training program.
1100-1200—Staff enlisted personnel.
1200-1300—Officers.
1300-1530—Convalescent training program.
1530-1730—Officers and guests.
1730—secure. Enlisted personnel and guests.
Saturday.
0630-0700—Morning dip.
0800-1000—Maintenance of pool.
1000-1100—Inspection.
1100-1200—Staff enlisted personnel.
1200-1300—Officers.
1300-1530—Convalescent training program.
1530-1730—Officers and guests.
1730—secure. Enlisted personnel and guests.
Sunday.
1230-1500—Officers and guests.
1500—secure. Enlisted personnel and guests.

Movie Schedule

First show, 1715; Second show, 1930.
Saturday 9 Mar., Belle of the Yukon, Randolph Scott and Gypsy Rose Lee.
Sunday 10 Mar., The Virginian, Joel McCrea and Brian Donlevy.
Monday 11 Mar., Together Again, Irene Dunne and Charles Boyer.
Tuesday 12 Mar., The Little Giant, Bud Abbott and Lou Costello.
Wednesday 13 Mar., Seventh Veil, James Mason and Ann Todd.
Thursday 14 Mar., Notorious Gentlemen, Kent Taylor and Virginia Grey.
Friday 15 Mar., Behind Green Lights, Carole Landis and William Garret.

Busy Small Stores Is Cut in Hours

Demobilization is a wonderful invention and is brightening the hearts of many a serviceman. However, the discharging fad comes close to taking the proverbial shirt off Oak Knoll's aching back. Small stores, due to most of their staff returning to civilian storekeeping, has shortened their hours.

Not so long ago six congenial clothes dispensers stood behind the counter ready to serve. Now two overworked storekeepers handle the merchandise for all patronizing Oak Knollers. John Ott Sk2c and Bill Gardner Sk3c, aided by a new hospital order, continue to sell their wares at the newly designated time schedule.

The Clothing and Small Stores issue room will open for business Monday through Friday from 0800 until 1200 and 0800 to 1130 on Saturday. Emergency issues will be made after hours on approval by the disbursing officer. Sales to individuals will be limited to quantities specified for a full bag of clothing.

University of Illinois Gives Annuals Gratis

The Student Senate, student body control group of the University of Illinois, is offering to every alumnus or former student of the school confined in military hospitals, a complimentary copy of the school yearbook.

In a letter received at this command, E. E. Stafford, dean of men at the university, asked for names of officer and enlisted patients formerly of the Illinois school desiring a copy of this year's book.

Any patients who wish to take advantage of this offer may contact Lieut. Mary M. Sherrill, officer of public information, in the Administration Building annex.

"The next best thing to being home is a call home," according to Mr. E. W. Cannon, manager of Oak Knoll's telephone center. That's why the hospital staff and the Pacific Bell Telephone Co. have arranged for every possible telephone convenience at the hospital.

Located in the former chapel, the new telephone center has more than doubled the capacity of the old Ship's Service center. Plenty busy, too, are the portable telephones used in the wards for bedside service.

The center, open from 0900 until 2100 week days and 1100 until 2000 Saturdays and Sundays, is equipped with comfortable chairs and magazines as well as writing facilities and stationery for the convenience of patients and staff. A directory library is on hand for all Pacific Coast points in addition to all key cities throughout the United States. Special services include a booth that will take care of wheel-chair or gurney cases



PhM3c Dick Andrew and HA1c Don Baird wait anxiously as telephone operators Marie LeBono, Beatrice McCormack, Virginia Sams and Elsie Hansen rush their "sugar calls" to completion. Chief Operator Ann O'Rourke makes certain everything is under control.

and is also equipped with an adjustable control amplifier to make hearing easier.

Mr. Cannon and the telephone girls are proud of Oak Knoll's telephone service and work hard to make it the best possible.

New Chief for Pacific Fleet



(Official U. S. Navy Photo; SEA)

From the deck of the U.S.S. Bennington at Pearl Harbor, Admiral John H. Towers reads the orders appointing him to the position of Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas, relieving Admiral R. A. Spruance. Admiral Towers was a pioneer in Naval aviation. In 1919 he organized and commanded a seaplane division that boasted the first plane to cross the Atlantic. He was recently awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his outstanding work as Deputy Cincpac from February, 1944 to July, 1945.

Lovely Virginia Jackson Vocalizes with Ted Fio Rito Tunesters



Taking vocal honors for the evening with Ted Fio Rito is petite warbler Virginia Jackson, shown in the first picture at the microphone and in the last shot dancing between songs with Oak Knoll's potentate of parasitology, Rick Gibbons. In the middle panel, the Fio Rito band section takes a chorus standing up as the first line prepares for the battle of the saxes.

OAK LEAF PUBLIC HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

REFRACTION ERRORS OF THE EYE

By HERMAN P. McCRIMMON
Capt., MC, USNR

One of the interesting studies of the eye is myopia or near sight. It has been said by numerous writers that myopia is peculiar to human beings, that it is the result of intellectual progress, and found more frequently in civilized than in savage races. Again by the same writers we are told that every myopic eye is a diseased eye. This last statement is untrue, and the others are somewhat misleading. In regard to the distribution of myopia a hasty perusal of the literature might lead one to believe that it is directly proportional to the degree of civilization, or that those countries in which it has the highest rate are the most civilized. But statistics do not prove that this is exactly the case. In Germany myopia is so common that it has been called "Myopia Land." A study among Chinese students showed approximately 50 per cent to be afflicted with it. This is about four times greater than would be found in an American college. Many instances of the highest grades of myopia, especially the malignant type, have been seen among the lowest classes of people.

From a study of the vast number of statistics concerning the distribution of myopia it seems that race and heredity play a more important role

than civilization. That heredity is a determining factor in the disposition of myopia there can be no doubt. Therefore, a person who is very near-sighted should not marry another who is also near-sighted. After all your son might want to join the Navy, be a flyer or a Marine, so why not give him a break.

The great majority of myopia is of the simple type, in which the eye anatomically becomes long during the growing period. In infancy it is rare. The greatest increase takes place during the period of greatest body growth. However, it may stop at any age, or go on increasing through adolescence and well into adult life. In myopia the rate of lengthening of the eye ball is out of proportion to the rest of the body. The chief symptom is dimness of vision for objects at a distance. They can see distinctly on near objects if it is moderate in degree. Classified according to degree it is low, medium and high myopia. Low myopia is under three dipters, between three and six moderate, and over six dipters, high. A person having myopia of less than one dipter is said to be

only slightly myopic. Detachment of the retina constitutes by far the greatest of dangers that threaten very near-sighted people. Usually they are poor athletes, and compensate by being good students.

In a myopic or near-sighted eye the rays of light are brought to focus before they reach the retina, thus objects seen at a distance are blurred. If astigmatism is present, objects are more blurred for here the cornea or lens are lopsided and the image is brought to a focus only in front of the retina. No amount of accommodation by the muscles of the eye can help a near-sighted person because the more he accommodates, the farther away from the retina the image of objects seen at a distance is thrown. Thus he must wear glasses. In certain cases it is necessary in order to do a correct refraction that "drops" be used which temporarily paralyze the muscles of accommodation of the eye. The ciliary muscle is the muscle that operates the lens that puts the eye in focus. It might be compared to the adjusting control of a microscope that puts it in focus. In a per-

son of 18 years of age this muscle has a wide range of control or power of response of some 12 dipters. At the age of thirty it has nine dipters, at the age of forty it has six dipters, and at the age of fifty only two dipters of accommodation left. So in a young person who complains of eye fatigue and can still see 20/20 the refractive error is being compensated for by the strong ciliary muscle of nine to twelve dipters. But it gets tired just the same and headaches come, vision blurs, and many other symptoms occur. So it is necessary to use drops to keep the muscle temporarily from acting and in order to measure the amount of refractive error. The error is corrected by glasses and then the ciliary muscle no longer has to overwork and the eye strain goes away. However when you are fifty and have only two dipters of accommodation left, no matter how hard it works it cannot overcome a large refractive error and get 20/20 vision. So by measuring the dipters of accommodation you can estimate one's age. Thus, the saying goes that in case of a horse you look at his teeth to tell his age, in a man you look at his eyes, in a woman you may look into her eyes and tell her many things, but never her age.

New Change in OPD Chief

Captain Harold Hirshland, MC (S), U.S.N.R., assumed duties as chief of Out-Patient Department last week, relieving Comdr. Edward M. Dorr, MC(S), U.S.N.R. Dr Dorr was detached from the compound to return to civilian life.



Capt. Harold Hirshland
(MC) U.S.N.R.

An intensive course in obstetrics and gynecology will be installed in the near future by Captain Hirshland. The course will be offered to medical officers under instruction and to internes assigned to the department. This is the only change or addition contemplated for the service.

Dr. Hirshland, a specialist in gynecology and obstetrics, has been at Oak Knoll since February, 1944. His first assignment on the compound was to the general surgical service, and after that to orthopedic surgery. Since then, he has served as rehabilitation officer, leave and liberty officer, and before his assignment to OPD, acting executive officer.

The service is divided into four divisions at present. Lieut. (jg) H. B. Bruyn and Lieut. J. W. Schonwald are in charge of pediatrics. Comdr. J. T. Jenkin is in charge of all medical cases, assisted by Lieuts. Jack S. Tucker and E. P. Page. Comdr. Ernest W. Henderson, assisted by Lieut. Comdr. Joseph L. Nielson and Lieut. Charles N. Hoyt, is in charge of obstetric cases. Captain Hirshland is in charge of gynecology, assisted by Comdr. Herbert S. Lamont and Lieut. C. C. Burski.

Officers Reporting . . .

Lieut. (jg) John P. Conrad, Jr. (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) Harold P. Johnson (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) David M. Spencer (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) Albert E. Thelen (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) Joseph E. F. Rankin (MC), USNR.

Officers Detached . . .

Lieut. (jg) Gordon C. McNeilly (MC), USNR; Lieut. Henry L. Silvani (MC), USNR; Lieut. Comdr. William D. McCarthy (MC), USNR; Comdr. Walter R. Taylor (MC), USNR; Pharm. Boyde A. White (MC), USNR; Lieut. Comdr. Gerald L. Crenshaw (MC), USNR; Lieut. Comdr. David S. Zealear (MC), USNR; Lieut. Comdr. Thomas A. Leonard (MC), USNR; Lieut. Comdr. Burton E. Kitchen (MC), USNR; Lieut. Theodore L. Poulson (MC), USNR; Lieut. Dennis J. McSweeney (MC), USNR; Lieut. Carl G. Driley (D), USNR; Comdr. Edward M. Dorr (MC), USNR; Comdr. Chester F. Johnson (MC), USNR.

CASE OF THE WEEK

Lt. Col. Hamilton is Self-Ordained 'Professional Patient' on Ward 40A

A "professional patient" is what Lt. Col. Edwin L. Hamilton, U.S.M.C., terms himself. (The 'ell stands for what he has been through.)

Battered-up at Bougainville in November, 1943, he has been for over two years a steady customer of Oak Knoll medicos for 15 assorted operations. (Operational fatigue would seem to be an expected aftermath, but his Spartan spirit plus an analytical conservatism keeps him plugging hard for better times just like the Republicans.)

Although his right hip socket was shattered by mortar shrapnel while he was directing the attack of his unit (3rd battalion, 3rd Marines, 3rd Division) against the Japs at Empress Augusta Bay, he hobbled back 500 yards under his own power to the battalion aid station where his injury was diagnosed as "gunshot wound, right hip."

The fact that the severity of the battalion executive officer's wound wasn't discovered until he reached Oak Knoll can be laid to the "hot potato" system of evacuation then the vogue in the Solomons. This consisted of keeping a patient at one hospital only long enough for papers to be drawn up for his transfer to another casualty center.

Lt. Col. Hamilton was routed through a circuit which took him via Vella La Vella, Guadalcanal, New Caledonia and thence to this hospital. He arrived here January 11, 1944. (A day later his wife in Dallas received a wire from him: "Will be home in six weeks.")

The colonel's hip had become infected on his way to the States. Because of the nature of the compound hip fracture the head of the femur had come out of the socket. This resulted in an outward rotation of the leg.

For seven weeks the doctors had to wait until a large bed sore had healed on his posterior before operating on his hip. From March 1, 1944, when an ortho-plasty was performed on the hip joint, his clinical record reads like a "What's What" of orthopedic surgery on legs with two plastic jobs on the aforementioned spot thrown in for good measure.

Ten manipulations of his right knee under anesthesia and an operation on the knee to lengthen the quadriceps followed over a period of months. During one of these periods of "sad sack" time he drafted another wire to his wife in Dallas: "Come on out. I may be here six months or six years, but not six weeks."

Last summer the colonel took time out from his afternoon swims at the pool with his five-year-old daughter, Marsha, to have an ortho-cup-plasty on his hip (a steel cup placed over the head of the femur) which put him in bed for four months. His injury became infected, necessitating penicillin treatment. The absence of union



Lt. Col. Edwin L. Hamilton
U.S.M.C.

in the hip joint caused his leg to stiffen laterally to the right.

In between operations and manipulations he has been a conscientious patron of physio-therapy where PhM3c Marshall Holt has blended knee bend with banter in an effort to help the colonel. To augment these treatments the colonel has been swimming whenever it has been physically possible.

During his hospitalization the colonel has served as defense counsel on several court martial cases. In the near future he plans to retire from the actual trying of cases and will devote his time to coaching and advising junior officers of patient status so that they can divide the legal load he has been carrying so long as a lone legal beagle.

Before he was wounded the colonel had served seven and a half notable years in the Corps. From July 1, 1936, when he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps after his graduation from Texas A. & M. as a civil engineer with honorable distinction in military science, his record has been an outstanding one.

He is one of 24 Marines who has won both the Distinguished Rifle and Pistol medals during the past 30 years. In 1938, '39 and '40 he was a member of the Marine Rifle Team and fired with the Marine National Team in 1940.

The colonel still holds the '03 rifle record for 600 yards which he established with 14 "V" bull's eyes in 1939 at the National Rifle Matches. This put his team over the top for the trophy award. In 1940 his expert marksmanship helped his team win the Crowell

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NOTICE: "The Oak Leaf" does not accept paid advertising. The following items are printed as a free service for the hospital's patients and staff. Deposit items in "The Oak Leaf" contribution box in the lobby of Ship's Service. Incidentally, it is NOT a mail box.

Found . . .

While hitchhiking to Los Angeles recently a sailor was picked up at Sunnyvale and left the car at San Jose. He left an overnight bag in the automobile. Contents are clothing, small black leather zipper kit, and shaving equipment. Only identification is Service No. 567-04-70 and a name that appears to be Apelr. A. R. C. has checked records at the hospital, but cannot locate anyone by such name. If anyone has any knowledge of above, please contact A. R. C.

Watch in barracks 28A. Owner may obtain by identifying. Call 51B or Ex. 233.

Wanted . . .

Married couple to share 5-room home with ex-service girl. No children allowed. Expects care of dog. Price \$75.00 per month. Owner will pay 1/3 of utilities. Call KEllog 4-2993 after 5:30 p. m. Location: East Oakland above 35th Ave. and MacArthur Blvd.

For Sale . . .

A blue-black toy shepherd dog, age five months. Will make a swell companion. Comes from downtown pet store. Guaranteed to please. Contact Cpl. Paul Moore, Ward 74B, 608-22nd. St. Oakland, at night.

Officer's bridge overcoat. Almost new, \$40. Contact Lt. (jg) William B. Brust, Ward 68A.

and Wimbledon cups. As a member of the Herrick Trophy Team in 1939 he was one of eight Marines who fired 160 shots at 1000 yards for a perfect score.

Among numerous assignments he has had was that of Commanding Officer of the Marine Detachment aboard the U.S.S. Augusta, then flagship of the Atlantic Fleet, when the ship took President Roosevelt to meet Winston Churchill at Newfoundland for the Atlantic Charter meeting in August, 1941.

The nature of Lt. Col. Hamilton's injury is such that he probably will be retired. Upon retirement he plans to return to Texas, absorb some more schooling, perhaps teach law and—God and his wife willing—have three sons to round out his family which now consists of daughters Marsha and Caroline and, of course, Mrs. Hamilton.

Department of Physical Therapy Aids Patients with Heat, Water, Exercise

Flying low over the knolls and just above the oaks of the hospital, the eye is drawn to the activities of a building situated in the heart of Oak Knoll's geographical valley. Although the same shape and color as the rest, a multitude of ant-like people can be seen entering this long, low building. Hanging from the ramp top, above the door, is a white sign and two black lettered words that read Physical Therapy.

The most accurate means of describing the functions and duties of the department of physical medicine is to follow the patient as he travels through the halls and rooms of physio. The first phase of treatment for an eligible patient is an examination by Lieut. Edward F. Mee (MC), USN, who has recently taken over the position left vacant by the departure of capable and amiable Lt. Comdr. E. H. Fralick. Dr. Mee designates the proper physical medicine and the patient begins his journey, which nearly always ends in partial or complete recovery from his disability.

Our mythical patient's diagnosis is a stiff ankle and his Physio prescription is diathermy and



S2c R. R. Lamusga of Ward 41A takes his daily dozen on Physio's land-locked rowing machine.

massage to the ailing ped. However, his curiosity overcomes him as he gazes upon the varying types of equipment and apparatus and he ventures to investigate. He opens the door to fever therapy and looks upon three dome-shaped cabinets. Ens. L. Steinert (NNC) explains that fever treatment is given to patients suffering from certain chronic diseases, such as arthritis and rheumatism. The cabinets enclose the body of the patient, leaving only the head free. Its purpose is to raise the human temperature six and even seven degrees above the normal 98.6. This tends to increase circulation generally, thereby easing the afflicted joints.

Limping down the long corridor, our patient observes the sign 'Hydro' and his lust for knowledge again runs rampant. CPhM Eleanor Gilboy (W), senior enlisted member of the Physio



PhM2c Thomas Valinoti uses the Hubbard tank method of treatment to help S1c H. A. Grishaber strengthen his injured muscles. The swirling water in the tank loosens the muscles and aids in their control.

staff, shows the curious patient the many types of whirlpool baths for ailing arms and legs. Most patients undergoing hydro therapy have nerve injuries and the swirling warm water relaxes the muscles and increases the blood circulation of the affected limb. To further ease the nerve and surrounding muscle, trained technicians sedatively massage the leg, arm or hand.

Our patient, anxious for his own treatment, crosses the passageway and hands his chit to Ens. Ray Walk, (W) USNR, in charge of the electro-therapy department. He jumps onto a nearby table and Mrs. Walk wraps his swollen ankle in diathermy coils. As he reclines on the table, the warm coils soothing the pain, he is eager to gather additional information about physical medicine. Lt. Eugenia Grunsky, (W) USNR, coordinator of all Physio's units, explains the advantages and usefulness of ultra violet light. This artificial light reproduces the healing effect of natural sunshine. Ultra violet is applied in many cases to cure disorders of the skin.



Ens. K. J. Garbinski (NC) USNR soothes the patient's forehead as his body temperature rises seven degrees in the fever therapy cabinet.



S2c Donald Fauck of 42A fame relaxes as PhM3c Mary Army expertly massages his leg.

The enthusiastic patient's final step in his daily treatment is to exercise and increase the range of motion in his ankle. Ens. L. Clark (W), U.S.N.R., takes his chit and renders physical medicine by manipulation of his ankle. The patient recognizes his buddy on a nearby table, who is having his neck stretched. Miss Clark relates that cervical traction is a slow and even increasing pressure to the neck and has a relaxing effect on the upper back and vertebrae.

The patient's treatment is ended and he is jubilant, for even though it is only a small improvement, his ankle feels better. His instinct tells him that there is still some part of Physio he has not seen and he opens the door to the Hubbard tank room. The primary importance of this water-filled tank is to increase the motion in the joints of the body and help in strengthening the muscles. Aided by two whirlpool machines the Hubbard tank patient finds it easier to use the injured muscles under water.

Opening still another door, our patient finds himself interrupting a class of attentive students.

Cabinet Work for Aspiring Patients

Oak Knoll has added another recreational activity for both patients and staff. Under the auspices of the educational service department a carpenter's shop has recently opened on the lower deck of building No. 102.

Available to everyone is the fine equipment which includes band saws, lathes and other necessary tools. All wood necessary is donated from outside sources and is issued gratis to hospital personnel. Any woodwork made belongs to the maker to do with as he pleases. Lamps, tables and luggage are but a few of the articles being completed at the carpenter shop.

In charge of this shop is CO C. O. Robinson and his two assistants, CM3c S. F. Frazier and CM3c C. O. Carpenter. Chief Robinson is on hand at all times to assist in any problems or difficulties that may arise. Books and plans on wood artistry are available to help in forming ideas.

The carpenter shop is open Monday through Friday from 0800 until 1630. Take advantage of the (wood)iful opportunity that educational services extends to all hands.

Sailor, to Dr. on ward: "I've been trying to see you all week, sir. When may I have an appointment?"

Doctor: "Why just make a date with my Corpswave."

Sailor: "I did, sir, and we had a good time, but I still want to see you."

Visitor: I'd like to see someone with a little authority.

HA2c: What can I do for you? I have about as little authority as anyone.

PhM2c Thomas Valinoti, an accredited physical therapist, is lecturing on the muscles and tendons of the hand and foot. Since the department of physical medicine was opened in July, 1942, 90 corporals have been indoctrinated and schooled in the sciences of Physio Therapy, and are now trained technicians.

Almost 200 patients receive physical therapy. This means nearly 1,000 treatments are given by a staff of 18 enlisted personnel, four nurses and three WAVE officers. Oak Knoll's department of physical medicine can well be proud of its long record of achievement.



Our Doctor

To Comdr. John T. Jenkin, MC (S), USNR, Chief of the Medical Service in the Out-Patient Department, nearly four years of Naval service has provided a vast opportunity for study, travel and medical practice that could be found only in the Navy. Dr. Jen-



Comdr. John T. Jenkin
MC(S) U.S.N.R.

kin received his first taste of sea duty and extensive travel in 1926 when he sailed with the Holland-American liner **SS. Ryndam** on an eight-months' world tour of hospitals. Prior to his military service, Comdr. Jenkin had his own general medical practice, specializing in internal medicine and pediatrics at Lake Mahopac, New York.

Entering the Navy with the rank of Lt. Comdr. in July, 1942, Dr. Jenkin's first assignment was at the destroyer dock dispensary, Brooklyn Navy Yard. In December of the same year he became the senior medical officer of the 59th Construction Battalion and served in that capacity as the CB's trained in the States and later served in that capacity when they went overseas, and as sanitation officer, NAS, Hilo, Hawaii. After participating in the initial landing on Guam he was borrowed by the military government to set up a native dispensary at Agat Beach, Guam.

Red Cross Needs Funds For Peace Time Continuance of War Service

Home service to veterans and their families, to the man and woman still in uniform and those in hospitals, are the major appeals in the Red Cross Fund campaign which opened March 1, with a goal of \$793,500.

Under the general chairmanship of Willie Osburn, campaign headquarters have been established at the Weaver-Paps building, 26th and Broadway, Oakland, and hundreds of volunteers recruited for the first peacetime Red Cross campaign since Pearl Harbor.

P. M. Harwood, Oakland Red Cross Chapter chairman, paid tribute to the volunteers already at work and the thousands of subscribers who so "generously supported their Red Cross during the war years."

That Red Cross "Still carries on in Peace and War" is evidenced by the services being given at the present time.

Home Service is at this time a most vital program of the Red Cross, locally and nationally. Two-thirds of the subscriptions will be used in this department.

Home Service will help the above groups with difficult family

Becoming interested in military government, the doctor was sent to the School of Military Government at Princeton. He was later sent to the Harvard Medical School for special courses in tropical medicine and public health. This pleased Dr. Jenkin because it meant returning to his alma mater where he had received his MD in 1924.

"To U.S.N.H., Oakland, Calif., for temporary duty," was Dr. Jenkin's next assignment. After spending three months here he was sent to Pearl Harbor last August. The startling end of the war left Comdr. Jenkin in Pearl Harbor with nothing to do, so he was returned to Oak Knoll.

As chief of the Medical Service in OPD Dr. Jenkin has a full-time job taking care of ward and out-patient consultations.

problems. It will render assistance financially on the basis of need, during transition from military service to civilian life. It will provide help in finding the agency which can meet a specialized need such as a job, a home, a farm, business loan, State aid and the like. This is but a very brief description of the many services rendered by this department alone.

Other services are: Motor Corps which provides transportation for all other departments of Red Cross. "Service on Wheels." Staff Assistance corps, The teaching of Home Care of the sick, Nutrition Corps, Hospital and Recreation, "Gray Ladies" service in hospitals: Production groups who are making thousands of articles still needed overseas and locally, these are pajamas, slippers, hot water bottle covers and many others. Surgical dressings: Quotas are being filled by request from local military hospitals. Arts and Skills Corps: which supplements the rehabilitation programs in military hospitals. The Canteen Division, the volunteers of which serve service men in transit, and at the Oakland Airport where a permanent canteen service is given. Junior Red Cross whose program is similar to the Adult Red Cross, and whose work is carried on mainly in the schools. Their gifts to the men in the hospitals at Christmas time is well known to all. Enrollment for Juniors is being held locally, at the same time the campaign is active.

The Disaster Relief Division is permanent and has the responsibility of supplementing the already existing authorities in time of major calamity, when called upon to act.

"Lady, if you'll give us a nickel, me little brudder will imitate a hen."

"You mean he'll cackle like a hen?"

"Naw, he wouldn't do a cheap imitation like that. He'll eat a woim."

Jimmy Davenport is Hospital Wrenchman

Twenty-eight years of progressive experience as an auto mechanic is the boast of Jimmy Davenport civilian employee in the garage at Transportation. Mr. Davenport came here two years



Jimmy Davenport

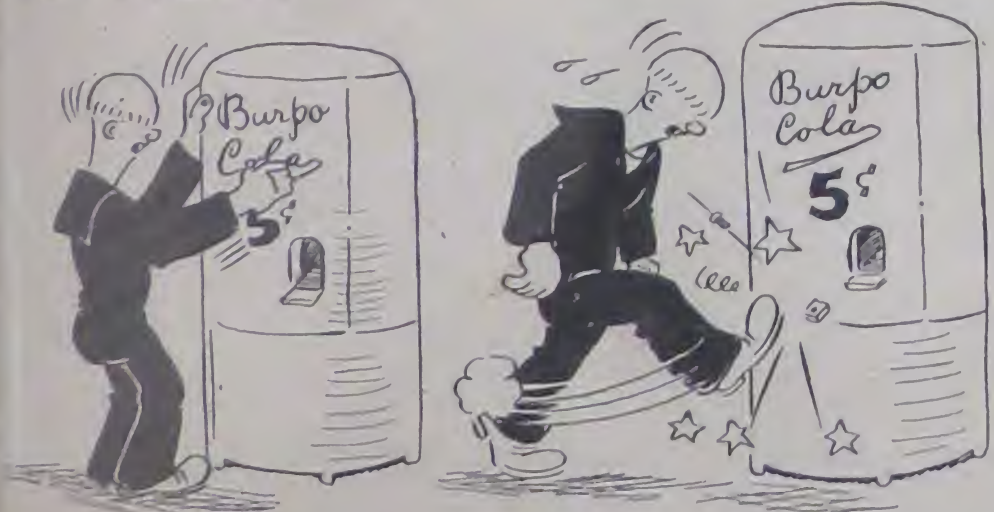
ago from the Handy Ironworks and the Fraser and Zarco garage in Oakland.

Moving to California in 1941 from the "Land of Scenic Beauty" or New Mexico (as it is commonly known), Mr. Davenport picked a residence site in Castro Valley outside of Hayward. Here he engages his free time in raising chickens, turkeys, and caring for a goat. Though he discusses this hobby with a touch of modesty, his friends reveal that he kept them supplied at a time when it was impossible to purchase poultry on the civilian market.

Jimmy claims all-around mechanical work holds no monotony for him. He likes the smell of grease and he never tires of sliding around underneath a truck to get to some internal part of the machinery.

Ambulating Jimmy has been in almost all of the 48 states, as well as Canada and Mexico. He has traveled for both pleasure and health.

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PEN.

Busse and Band Take Spotlight



Above are scenes taken from the recent performance of Henry Busse and his orchestra, played in ship's service auditorium. In the top left hand panel, Norma Clair sings to two wide-eyed members of the large audience. In the right hand pic, Busse takes the stand with his trumpet to give with "Symphony." In the lower panel, the entire orchestra takes a measure with Bill Jacoby at the mike.

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"Today I became a mother"
"You a mother? My dear fell that's incredible. What's the story"
"Yesterday I met a girl with face only a mother could love. Today I found out she's worth a million dollars—today I became a mother."

The despondent officer left headquarters and climbed into his station wagon.

"Where to, sir?" asked the driver.

"Drive over the cliff, corpsman" replied the officer, "I'm committing suicide."

A Pleasant Point Accumulator



Above, adorable Helen spells ten luscious points to PhM1c Ralph W. Conrad, staff personnel man keeping the wheels going 'round in the staff demobilization office. In fact, Ralph has a total of forty-five points in the bag. What? Forty-five points? Whyinell isn't he out of the Navy? Sorry, bub, he's U.S.N. Like to borrow some points?

Off the Bookshelf

Getting acquainted with the United States is the pleasant prospect before you, if you have been out of the states. The Library has the following new books on America:

Adamic: *A Nation of Nations*. The part played by the many nationalities who make up America is described in an interesting, informal book.

Atherton: *Golden Gate Country*. One of the American Folkways series, this book gives the background of the San Francisco bay area of today.

Augur: *Passage to Glory*; John Ledyard's America. Biography and history are combined in this book about one of the first Americans to dream of a country extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean.

Burt: *Philadelphia*, holy experiment. A Philadelphian describes his city in readable fashion.

Chamberlain: *Ever New England*; photographs. If you have forgotten what New England was like, or have never seen it, you will enjoy this book.

MOIPHY

By Penberthy



"OKAY, GREBE, LET'S HIT THE DECK!"



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Navy Blue Leaves Local Post Office

Oak Knoll's normal, routine and happy daily life has been given a severe jostling. A thing that for almost a third of a decade has been taken for granted, this deep-rooted institution has been dynamited from our very soil. Our own and cherished Post Office has been discharged from the Navy. Civilians are in our mail boxes.

Last Friday, five professional readers from the hostile country of Cleveland, took up the posts that were followed by some of the finest stamp licking mailmen ever to wear Navy blue. Where once thirteen staunch "men of letters" served their hospital, only one is left to wear the banners of a Specialist "M." MaMie Frank Stanley, with dew in his eyes and lines of sadness furrowing his face recalls the days of the post office being in the anti-room of X-ray some three years ago.

No longer do corpsmen wait in the alphabetical lines of the Post Office for their sugar reports or black bordered "Dear Johns." Staff personnel now receive their communique at Barracks 35, through the medium of fellow corpsmen.

The regular Post Office has been taken over by the U. S. Postal Service and will operate as do all other Post Offices. Stamps, registered mail, money orders, etc., will continue to be on sale as before. No general mail will be given out at the Post Office.

Oak Leaf Loses Another Editor

The Oak Leaf felt the loss of another managing editor this week as Halc Donn Beattie reported for duty at the Naval Supply Depot, Hawthorne, Nevada.

Donn's presence has been felt on The Oak Leaf since last December and it was his guiding hand that took over the reins as managing editor when Irving Feld left recently for duty as a civilian. With him go the best wishes of the entire Oak Leaf staff for success throughout his remaining naval career.

Will Osborne Makes Music While Oak Knoll Dances



WILL OSBORNE

Enthusiasm ran high Thursday night as Will Osborne and his Hollywood band supplied pulsating rhythms while Oak Knollers gracefully danced 'neath a multi-colored revolving rainbow. The glamorous Sandra Sanders was in the vocal spotlight throughout the evening as she hypnotized the audience with the latest ballads while the feminine members thrilled to the distinctive voice of Will Osborne himself.

As a sneak preview of the evening's entertainment a stage show was presented Thursday afternoon at 1500. The packed auditorium echoed the audience's approval as Will Osborne and his aggregation gave forth with their smooth melodious refrains.

Will Osborne and his band is known as one of the most popular aggregations in the musical world.

It is a tribute to the soft-spoken baton wielder, that he has maintained his popularity and devotion

of the public over a period of years through creating musical styles that have attracted dance devotees all over the world.

In spite of a gruelling routine that lets him sleep only five hours a night, Will has found time to write many hit songs—among them "Beside An Open Fireplace," "Pompton Turnpike," "Between 18 and 19 on Chestnut St.," and "Mumble Jumble."

Thursday was a great day for dancers at Oak Knoll and one that will not soon be forgotten by all who attended the dance or afternoon stage show. The Welfare and Recreation Department which was responsible for bringing Will Osborne here certainly deserves another feather in its already heavily plumaged hat.

Will Osborne came to Oak Knoll direct from the Bud Abbott-Lou Costello radio show which closed in Hollywood recently.

Armed Forces Ask 20% Pay Increase

(SEA) — To bring Army and Navy pay schedules more in line with higher living costs and to provide added incentive for recruiting purposes, a flat increase of 20 per cent in the pay and allowance of officers and men has been asked of Congress by Secretary of the Navy Forrestal and Secretary of War Patterson.

Personally endorsing a report made by the Interdepartmental Pay Committee, the department heads pointed out that the Army and Navy must compete with private industry in recruiting men capable of handling the complicated mechanical equipment of the services.

The committee termed the increase "a vital necessity" for enlisted personnel and "an overwhelming need" for officers in view of the higher living costs and lag in wage raises.

No increases were recommended in flight pay, parachute and glider pay, submarine pay and other special pay allowances. However, to compensate personnel not receiving flight or other special pay who are required to take part in aerial hops, the report recommended a gratuity of \$10,000 for loss of life by service personnel in plane accidents during authorized flights.

The Interdepartmental Pay Committee comprises representatives of the War and Navy Departments, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Public Health Service and Coast and Geodetic Survey.

U. of Illinois Offers Year Book

University of Illinois alumnus or former students, your attention please. The Student Senate of the University of Illinois is offering you, gratis, a complimentary copy of the school year book. E. E. Stafford, dean of men, asks for names of officer and enlisted patients desiring a copy of this year's book. Any former Illinois student wishing to take advantage of this opportunity contact Lieut. Mary M. Sherrill, Officer of Public Information, in the administration building annex.

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• The Veteran Versus Closed Shop

A problem confronting many veterans is being discussed on a current series of broadcasts by the Society of World War II, third largest of the veterans' organizations stemming from this war. The question concerns the veterans' job opportunities versus the closed shop policy of the labor unions.

First of all, labor unions are the groups of employed tradesmen, from ditch diggers to highly skilled artisans, who, with those dependent on them, make up a large block of the American people. This group, as the American public, depends on industry for the low-cost necessities and luxuries which enable the public to enjoy the highest living standards in the world. Industry, on the other hand, depends on its employees to produce these same necessities and luxuries. Therefore, this labor group is both producer and consumer, dependent on itself.

It is into this group that the veteran steps when he leaves the service. When he attempts to find employment in his chosen trade, affiliated with powerful national federations of unions, has a stranglehold on all employers, binding them by the closed shop.

How is the closed shop enforced? An employer signing a contract with a union must agree to hire only union men. If he doesn't, his supply of materials transported by well-unionized transportation systems is cut off. Unionized wholesalers will not buy his commodities.

The veteran then must join a union. No matter how proficient or experienced he may be in his trade, he must bow to the seniority of workers of long standing with the union. In many cases he will find that his union has a full membership. If he chooses to get a job, his name will be put on a waiting list for the union. In the meantime, before he gets his job, he must draw meagre unemployment insurance. Is this to be his compensation for spending years enduring hardships and fulfilling a responsibility that, in many cases, has cost him his faculties? Over 1,000,000 veterans are unemployed for this and similar reasons.

The solution to this problem is in legislation. Either by the States or by Congress in the GI Bill of Rights, a provision should be made to exempt employers from closed shop contracts for a suitable period of time when hiring veterans. This would give the veteran a chance to join a union when he thought the union would benefit him, and allow him to compete with union men for higher positions and wages.

Maurice Anger to Furnish Music for Officers Dance



Staff officers and their guests will terpsichore and otherwise trip the light fantastic to the rhythmic refrains of Maurice Anger and his orchestra at the next Officers' Club dance, Saturday evening, 23 March at 2030. As on previous occasions, parents may utilize the "baby watch" by phoning Miss Ross' office, extension 121, for reservations.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Concord

"I have got a wolf by the ears."—Terence.

In the Sermon on the Mount our Savior advised us, to be cautious lest we fall into trouble with anyone unnecessarily, and as a consequence be brought before the law and suffer punishment. "Be at agreement with thy adversary betimes, whilst thou art in the way with him: lest perhaps the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be case into prison."

When we hear a piece of beautifully composed music, such as the masters wrote, you listen peacefully and with intense pleasure. Why? Because you hear a concord of sweet sounds, perhaps hundreds of them at the same time, from different voices and instruments, yet all agreeing in one magnificent weaving tone. But suppose, as you listen, one of the players strikes a false note—immediately your brow develops a frown and you feel a shock. Why? Because not concord, but discord has now made its presence felt.

Is this not a picture of life? Temptation arrives; we yield. Now where before our conscience was in concord with us and we with the tables have turned. We have played a sour note! As our Lord said, either, "be at agreement with thy adversary betimes," that is, beg pardon and do penance, or suffer the consequences, mental misery, loss of peace, here and—if we are put-offs until our death-bed—eternity!

We have been speaking of matters inside of us. There are also matters outside of us, which get us into the same trouble.

FATHER NICHOLAS F. GRUBER, C. P.

Pre-Easter Divine Services

PROTESTANT

Services daily except Saturday 1215-1250 in the Ship Service Auditorium.

CATHOLIC

Special Devotions in the Large Chapel.

Tuesday, 1830—Novena and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Wednesday, 1630—Mass, Sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Friday, 1630—Mass, Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, J. A. Talley, A. T. L. Armstrong, W. F. Summers.

Sunday—
Morning Service 1000
Communion Service 1100
Evening Vespers 1930

Weekday—
Morning Devotions 0730
Vesper Service 1600
Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
Choir—Tuesday & Thursday, 1400-1500.
Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Christian Science:

Wartime minister will be at the reception office in the Chapel every Tuesday at 1400 to 1600.

L. D. S. (Mormon):

Services 1930 Thursday.

Catholic:

Chaplains—Nicholas F. Gruber, J. Griffin.

Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130.
Saturday Mass—0900 and 1630.
Weekday Mass—0800 and 1630.
Confessions before all Masses.
Novena and Benediction, 1830 Tuesday.
Catholic Chaplain's offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Jewish:

Divine Service—2000 Friday, conducted by Mr. Bernard Miran.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on hospital compound on Tuesdays, Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office of chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1800 to 2000 on Fridays.

Hospital Takes a Dive as Aqua Bowl Reopens



Hundreds of Oak Knoll residents are daily enjoying the warm refreshing water of the hospital swimming pool. The above scenes indicate that Oak Knoll boasts of expert divers as well as water basketball players.

Examinations Due For Civilian Employees

Return of the Civil Service Commission to probational appointments under an executive order, gives to War Service appointees of the Navy Department an opportunity to obtain classified competitive Civil Service status. Appointees must apply for the individual examinations and positions will be filled on a competitive basis. Civilian employees on this station will be notified when applications for examination are required by the Civil Service Commission.

Examinations will be scheduled so as to meet current needs of operating agencies. The first examination to be held, will be for positions in which recruiting is particularly difficult and for which there is a continuing need. The program of competitive examinations contemplated will probably take from one to two years to complete.

War Service appointees are naturally concerned about the possibility of retaining their positions. Neither the Department nor the Civil Service Commission can give a specific and final answer concerning the chances any individual or group has of retention.

A cute young thing walked into a dress shop and asked to see some silk dresses. The saleslady tried to convince her that she should buy a woolen dress, but to no avail. "But why do you insist on a silk dress?" "I'm tired of having the wool pulled over my eyes."

No matter what you say, there's many a stern look aimed at girls in slacks.

Hospital Host to Medical Society

On Monday, 18 March, Captain A. H. Dearing and members of Oak Knoll's medical staff will be hosts to the Alameda Medical Society when they hold their monthly meeting at the Officers' Club. The meeting scheduled to begin at 2015 will be preceded by cocktails and dinner at the duty officers mess. The evening meal for officers other than medical officers will be served at Commissary I between the hours of 1730 and 1900.

To avoid parking congestion at the club house all staff members other than those who have assigned car space immediately east of the club will be required to park elsewhere. Parking space will also be provided for members of the clinical program.

Small brother to sister's sailor friend: You'll have to wait. Mom isn't through briefing her yet.

Officers Reporting . . .

Lt. Comdr. John C. Thorn (MC), USNR; Lieut. Edgar L. Hughes (DC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) Clayton E. Wood (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) William A. Conover (MC), USNR; Lieut. Paul H. Reinhardt (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) Joseph (n) Border (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) Henry T. Johnson (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) Frederick E. Breckert (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) James C. Stinson, Jr. (MC), USNR.

Officers Detached . . .

Capt. Ferris W. Thompson (MC), USNR; Lieut. David (n) Eder (MC), USNR; Lieut. Thomas H. Baumann (DC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) Melvin B. Block (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) Alvin T. Grundahl (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) Edward P. Irving (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) Clayton E. Wood (MC), USNR; Lieut. Joseph L. Sanderson (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) James G. Foley (MC), USNR; Lieut. Thomas G. Hennessy (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) James C. Stinson, Jr. (MC), USNR.

Early Season Swimmers Enjoy The Pool's Refreshing Water

Most popular activity on the compound since its re-opening last week is Oak Knoll's outdoor swimming pool. Patients and staff by the hundreds are swimming and splashing in the coolness of its green depths, seeking relief from the heat of the present siege of near-tropical weather. Seekers of the body beautiful are using its sun deck to derive the fullest benefits from Soleus' rays.

Though the breeze is still a bit on the chilly side, the heated water, kept at a constant temperature of 85 degrees, is guaranteed to keep icicles from forming. The new windbreak prevents goose flesh when one is out of the water. In addition to swimming, facilities are provided for diving and for playing water polo. Instruction in swimming is available for any and all who desire it, including the children of staff members.

The pool is operated jointly by the Welfare and Recreation and Physical Training Departments of Oak Knoll. Officer in charge is Lieut. (jg) Bradley N. Lynn, USNR. A capable and well-trained staff, headed by K. B. Kosling, SpA 1/c, former Ohio State Varsity swimmer, is on hand to help those who wish it—or need it. Frank Glas, PhM 3/c, Rick Bronson, HA 1/c, and Scott Stanton, HA 1/c, are the other members of the permanent staff. Also on hand at all times are two trained life savers from Physical Training.

For those interested in the more highly specialized side of the aqua-

atic picture is the news that the pool staff can give the Red Cross Life Saving Exam. to those who wish to take the tests.

In addition to those who swim for pleasure are many patients who have chosen swimming as the Physical Training part of their Convalescent Program. Enlisted and officer patients wishing to use the facilities of the pool are required to have a chit signed by their ward medical officer. One of the duties of the pool staff is the application of hydro-therapy to orthopedic patients as prescribed by their doctors.

Now, before you go dashing down to the pool with that towel you spent half an hour scrubbing last week, let us inform you that our old friends, the Welfare and Recreation Department, furnish both soap and towels.

The pool is open from 0630 until 1800 during the week, and from 1230 to 1800 on Sundays.

NEW SCHEDULE OF POOL HOURS

0630-0700—Morning dip.
0800-0900—Pool maintenance.
0900-1100—Convalescent training program.
1100-1200—Staff enlisted personnel.
1200-1300—Officers.
1300-1500—Officers and guests.
1500-1700—Convalescent training program.
1700—Secure. Enlisted personnel.

SATURDAY

0630-0700—Morning dip.
0800-1000—Pool maintenance.
1000-1100—Inspection.
1100-1200—Staff enlisted personnel.
1200-1300—Officers.
1300-1500—Convalescent training program.
1500-1700—Officers and guests.
1700—Secure. Enlisted personnel and guests.

SUNDAY

1230-1500—Officers and guests.
1500—Secure. Enlisted personnel and guests.

Our Doctor

Introducing Comdr. H. G. Davies (DC), U.S.N., the man who can rejuvenate a mouth after his dental colleagues have applied the forceps. Dr. Davies is head of Oak Knoll's dental prosthetic department, which includes Maxillo facial prosthesis.

In his offices and laboratories, Comdr. Davies rebuilds a mouth or covers a set of gums with the necessary molars and bicuspids. Many of the patients receiving the benefits of his art have had a good portion of the lower part of their face



Comdr. H. G. Davies (DC) USN

lacerated or shattered in combat. Dr. Davies' task is to construct new appliances that will enhance the face as well as become an essential part of the patient's normal and healthy alimentary canal.

Comdr. Davies was born and cut his first teeth in Salt Lake City, Utah. Twenty years later, his wisdom teeth took their place beside his posterior molars while Dr. Davies was playing football for the University of Utah. Dr. Davis was graduated with a B.S. degree and the distinction of being All Conference end in 1932 and '33. He attained national football fame by being given honorable mention by the All American board of football.

Comdr. Davies continued his education at the University of Southern California's College of Dentistry and was graduated in 1938. Dr. Davies joined the Navy in '39 and his initial assignment was in Washington, D. C. He was subsequently transferred to the U. S. Naval Academy where he did duty in the prosthetic department and became assistant football coach under the famous Major E. E. Larson.

In April 1941, Dr. Davies went aboard the U.S.S. Idaho and was off the coast of Iceland when war broke out. After the completion of twenty-two combat months on the battleship, Comdr. Davies was sent to U.S.N.H., Corona.

After his eighteen month tour of duty there and six weeks at the

Radio Offers Opportunity Awards for Talented Writers

Young writers who are seeking a career in radio will find an opportunity to achieve their ambitions when the Mutual Broadcasting System inaugurates a new half-hour dramatic show, "The Carrington Playhouse," which began Thursday, March 6 (8 to 8:30 p. m., EST), only original scripts will be used on the series, which will be produced by Elaine Carrington, famed radio script writer, author and playwright.

Mrs. Carrington has long felt the need for a means of discovery of new talent in the field of radio dramatic writing. Sharing belief in this need, the Mutual Broadcasting System is making available its wide facilities for the presentation of this unusual series of Carrington Award broadcasts.

These awards have been established in clear, farsighted recognition of a need for new creative talents, for new ideas and innovations that will ultimately contribute to a higher calibre of radio entertainment.

Rewards for accepted scripts will be both in money and in personal recognition to the author. Writers, whose scripts are accepted will receive \$200, plus the nationwide recognition that goes with having their drama beamed throughout the country by the far-reaching Mutual network.

In addition, all winners will automatically become eligible for the special Carrington Award of an additional \$500 and a handsome plaque, which will be awarded for the best script submitted during any 13-week period. Mrs. Carrington herself will appear on each broadcast to give full "name credits" to the author and his school or organization.

The network is soliciting the cooperation of established radio, dramatic and journalism departments of universities and colleges throughout the country to unearth new writing talent. In the belief that much writing talent is available among war veterans, the network is also opening the competition to those in service hospitals throughout the country. Entry blanks are available through contact with the Welfare and Recreation Office of this hospital.

Phillips Carlin, MBS vice-president in charge of programs, who is keenly aware of the need for new talent in radio writing, re-

Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland, where he studied the field of ocular prosthesis, Dr. Davies passed through the gates of Oak Knoll. Comdr. Davies began the year of 1945 constructing artificial eyes and in November took over the reins as head of the prosthetic department.

The good dentist is a happily married man and presently residing in Oakland. He is an avid sports fan, shooting a sweet game of golf which registers in the very low seventy's. . . .

cently stated: "Mrs. Carrington and I believe that the future for radio as a dramatic medium must depend, in the final analysis, upon new talent. We are convinced that there is a great reservoir of talent in our schools and colleges and among our returning service men. In recognition of this we are starting this new dramatic series."

All radio will watch with great interest when Elaine Carrington, champion of the daytime radio-drama field, steps into this new role, applying her wealth of talent to the production and development of this evening series. She is commercial radio at its best . . . writing with an enduring, popular appeal on a quality level consistently high. Her sincere and active interests in helping newcomers will find full expression on "The Carrington Playhouse."

Third Fleet Inactive But Ready for Duty

The famed Third Fleet has now been placed on the ready reserve list and based in San Francisco Bay right under the nose of Oak Knoll. The fleet consists of three battleships, two aircraft carriers, eight cruisers and eighteen destroyers.

Vice Admiral Howard F. Kingman, USN, Commander of the reserve fleet, has placed his flag aboard the battleship, USS Massachusetts. The fleet is one of two such fleets designed to be kept in instant readiness in the event international conditions should require an increase in naval power. The other reserve fleet is on the Atlantic seaboard.

The ships of the Third Fleet are fully manned and can sail in the time it takes them to get their steam up. Also in the Bay will be a supply of "laid up" vessels of the Nineteenth Fleet. These ships have been deactivated and can be commissioned in a short time if the need should arise.

Said one casket to the other casket: Is that you coffin?

Sic: Here, hold my rifle for a minute, will you?

Officer: Look here, I'm an ensign.

Sic: That's all right, I'll trust you.

Voter: Why, I wouldn't vote for you if you were St. Peter himself.

Candidate: If I were St. Peter, you couldn't vote for me. You wouldn't be in my district.

"Pop" Kennedy Is Oak Knoll's Chief Guardian

Known to most of the company as "Pop" or "Sheriff," Mr. Roy Kennedy has been a familiar figure at Oak Knoll since December, 1940, when he first started work as a guard at the entrance gate. He now holds the title of senior guard and his main duties are supervising the other civilian guards, seeing that there is a full shift on duty twenty-four hours a day.

Working directly under the Provost Marshal, Mr. Kennedy ranges schedules for the guard



"Pop" Kennedy

The men patrol the entire compound, looking after any emergency that arises.

"Pop" has had many different types of jobs during his working life. Coming to California from his home in Kansas in 1913, he started work as a street-car motorman, following this field for five years. In 1918, he became a deputy sheriff in Oakland, combining his work with selling for the Cudahy Packing Company for the next four years.

Retiring from this work, Mr. Kennedy purchased a home on the south side of MacArthur Blvd. and began a real estate business, pursuing it ever since. He states he has watched the south side of the former Hopkins Street expand to Oak Knoll and beyond.

"Pop's" the possessor of a unique "hobby" — a small full-blooded cocker spaniel named Rex. The dog, besides doing all the usual tricks of the canine species, has learned to refuse food offered him from a right-handed person; however, if the proffered delicacy is in the left hand, he eagerly accepts it.

The other trick which brings a glow of pride into "Pop's" eyes when describing it is that Rex has been taught to carry a paper bag containing money for a dozen eggs down to the store on 96th Avenue and to bring back the "purchase" in perfect condition.

CASE OF THE WEEK

Shiner Hoarded Meningitis 'Til the Doctors Cracked Down

When a patient comes to the hospital complaining of a splitting headache and a stiff neck, has a fever to show for it, and apparently hasn't got all of his mental marbles—then doctors rear up on their hind legs and take notice.

For these are some of the signs and symptoms of meningitis, and it is common knowledge that meningitis is one of the main limbs on the weeping willow tree. At any rate, these were among the symptoms and signs of Harold Shiner, S1c, of Denver, when he came to Oak Knoll on January 26.

The doctors reared up on their hind legs, of course. But they had to do some investigating, for there

particular little virus that apparently has no other aim in life than to fool the medical profession by causing a simple, uncomplicated, meningitis. It rarely, if ever, kills anybody or leaves any ill effects. The disease it causes is called "benign lymphocytic choriomeningitis." Naturally it was Shiner's good luck to have this handsomely-named disease, but it was rather bad luck for the doctors of the contagion ward, because they had to prove the diagnosis before they could relax on their therapeutic oars and let nature take her course in curing Shiner. To complicate affairs Shiner's history revealed that he had just recovered from meningococcus meningitis eight months before; hence there was a question as to whether this could be a flare-up of the old disease.

For safety's sake he was given penicillin and sulfadiazine treatment until the diagnosis could be cinched, for these two drugs are effective against almost all the forms of meningitis that will respond to any kind of treatment.

Meanwhile, interesting laboratory studies were being made. A blood count showed that he had an unusually high percentage of lymphocytes (a particular kind of white corpuscle) in his blood. This made the doctors suspect a disease called infectious mononucleosis, but this was ruled out by the return of a negative "heterophile antibody" measurement on his serum.

Then a microscopic examination of the spinal fluid showed an excess of lymphocytes there, too. This could mean several things. It could mean Shiner had tuberculous meningitis. But in tuberculous meningitis the cells of the spinal fluid are rarely 100 per cent lymphocytes as they were in Shiner's case. What was more, Shiner began to get better in a few days, and this just doesn't happen in tuberculous meningitis.

The presence of so many lymphocytes also could have meant the presence of poliomyelitis or encephalitis, but Shiner never developed any paralysis, and after the first few days became mentally clear again—got his marbles back, for keeps.

Leaving no haystacks unsearched, Shiner's doctors tried to "culture" bacteria from his spinal fluid by inoculating the fluid into broth and enriched foods on which bacteria grow. But nothing grew. This reflected suspicion back on the viruses, for viruses do not grow on these bacterial foods.

Finally, hoping for more convicting evidence, some serum was sent to virus research workers at the University of California for delicate complement fixation tests.



S1c Harold Shiner

is meningitis and there is meningism. Meningitis can be caused by many different bacteria and viruses. The word itself implies only inflammation of the thin membranes covering the brain and spinal cord. This inflammation can be caused by toxins from infections elsewhere in the body than the nervous system; then it is called meningismus.

When caused by the bacillus of tuberculosis, meningitis has been almost invariably fatal. Since the advent of the sulfonamide drugs and the antibiotic penicillin, meningitis caused by such bacteria as the streptococcus, staphylococcus, and meningococcus has been largely curable. Even a fair number of the cases of pneumococcus meningitis, which once was nearly as fatal as tuberculous meningitis, have been saved.

And then meningitis can be caused by those mysterious disease agents, the viruses. Nearly always meningitis accompanies the onset of infantile paralysis. Likewise, it usually accompanies the several forms of virus encephalitis, commonly known as "sleeping sickness." In addition there is a

New Hobby Show on Display



Chief Pharm. D. G. Mikus, Lt. (jg) E. H. Kirschner (HC) and Mrs. Edna Carmichael proudly pose for a picture of the Hobby Shop, Ship Service's newest addition.

Out of all this came the relieving conclusion that Shiner had nothing more than benign lymphocytic choriomeningitis—and that if he could ever become accustomed to such a long diagnosis he might just settle down and get well without any specific or heroic treatment. This he did, and now is approaching the time when he will be pronounced well and be returned to duty.

It is interesting to reflect that if Shiner had had this same disease only 12 years ago it probably would have been called "aseptic meningitis." For at that time the infectious nature of the disease was not known. Then, after an American doctor Armstrong in 1934 discovered the virus cause of the disease, it was called "Maladie d'Armstrong." Since then not a great deal new has been found; but there is one thing: lymphocytic choriomeningitis has been discovered in epidemics both in wild mice and colonies of mice in laboratories, and in some cases the disease in man has been traced to diseased mice.

Patients Aid In Red Cross Drive

Five patients at Oak Knoll have been instrumental in aiding the success of the National Red Cross drive that is being conducted during the month of March. AETM1c John D. Miller, PhM2c William O'Dowd, Cpl. Ray Averett, Cpl. Clarence Weatherford and Sgt. Martin T. Weprich have generously given their time and services by addressing civic organizations and business men's groups at luncheon meetings. They have also spoken over KSFO on local radio programs in the interest of the Red Cross drive. These volunteers have contributed much to the success of this worthy cause.

A new baby has recently been born to the ever growing Ship's Service family. Godfathers, Lt. E. H. Kirschner and Pharm. D. G. Mikus, proudly present the Hobby Shop, located in the Community Service building lobby over the floor space that once had supported the telephone center.

This embryo of a recreation facility will shortly celebrate one month of supplying patients and staff with tools and materials for their handicraft activities. Those who indulge in the popular pastime of leather work, such as making purses and wallets, will find an abundant supply of leather, designs and specialized instruments at the Hobby Shop.

In the short time that the Hobby Shop has been open, many fellows with time on their hands have asked for wooden models of airplanes and ships. As a result of this demand a complete stock of wood models is now on sale. Gas model airplanes will be available if a sufficient number of orders are placed.

Sales at the new shop will be in conjunction with the craft work done by patients under the pre-vocational training program. Arrangements are underway to sell leather goods and other projects made by the patients along with the regular supply of merchandise at the store.

Mrs. Jones opened her refrigerator and was surprised to see a rabbit lying comfortably on one of the shelves.

"What in the world are you doing here?" she demanded of the rabbit.

"This is a Westinghouse, isn't it?" he demanded, indignantly.

"Why, yes, it is."

"Well, I'm westing."

A nudist is the only person with less pocket space than a sailor.

Where Elite Meet to Eat-Comm. II Ed. Services Offer High School Diploma

Three times each day Oak Knoll's healthy stomach craves nutritive fortification. Eating has become a thrice daily habit which was cultivated when the uniform of the day was three cornered pants and a safety pin. Military dieticians, knowing that everybody starts life as a little baby civilian, have installed two huge messhalls at our hospital to provide for this primary necessity of life.

Commissary two stands atop yonder hill and overlooks the suburban districts of Oakland. On a clear day one can be feeding his face while watching cows chewing their cud on a distant yonder hill. The task of feeding Oak Knoll's four thousand five hundred internal organs with the proper and balanced diet is given to Lt. Comdr. Fred O. Ball (HC) U.S.N. Forty-one enlisted men and ninety-three civilian employees comprise the working staff of Commissary two.

The average or even superior human fills his tray with palatable food three times a day, yet not one gives an appreciative thought as to



Lt. Comdr. F. O. Ball, Commissary Officer, checks the supplies at Commissary Two.

who is responsible for those tender morsels of eateries. Few people consider the cutting, the cooking and other routine processes the pork chop went through before it gets to the layman's tray. This pork chop has been labored over and groomed for your alimentary canal by people behind the spotless white bulkheads of the mess-hall.

Before you take your next bite of a Sunday dinner chicken leg, you have an inquisitive right to know what that poor leg has gone through. Two months previous to your Sunday dinner four thousand five hundred chicky birds are ordered from the Naval Supply Depot. They arrive and are put on ice three weeks before that fatal Sunday when your molars and bicuspid vivisect the fowl's limb.



Three cooks watch pots boil as another noon meal nears completion.

With the arrival of the chickens came ten thousand pounds of beef, seven thousand four hundred pounds of meat from all parts and positions of untold pigs. The refrigerator door was left open and thirty-eight hundred turkeys staggered in—dead, that is.

The Saturday before the chicken dinner Sunday, the birds are transferred to the butcher shop. Five men wielding murderous magnified scalpels begin dissecting the poultry into recognizable proportions, such as, breast, wing or the leg. The chickens then are cleansed, watered down and nervously await the arrival of the cook.

The cooks enter at 0300 Sunday morning, don their white aprons and heat the coals. The birds are set in ovens and will emerge some five or six hours later as a mouth-watering roast. Content with the progress of the chicken, the cooks commence with the making of morning chow.

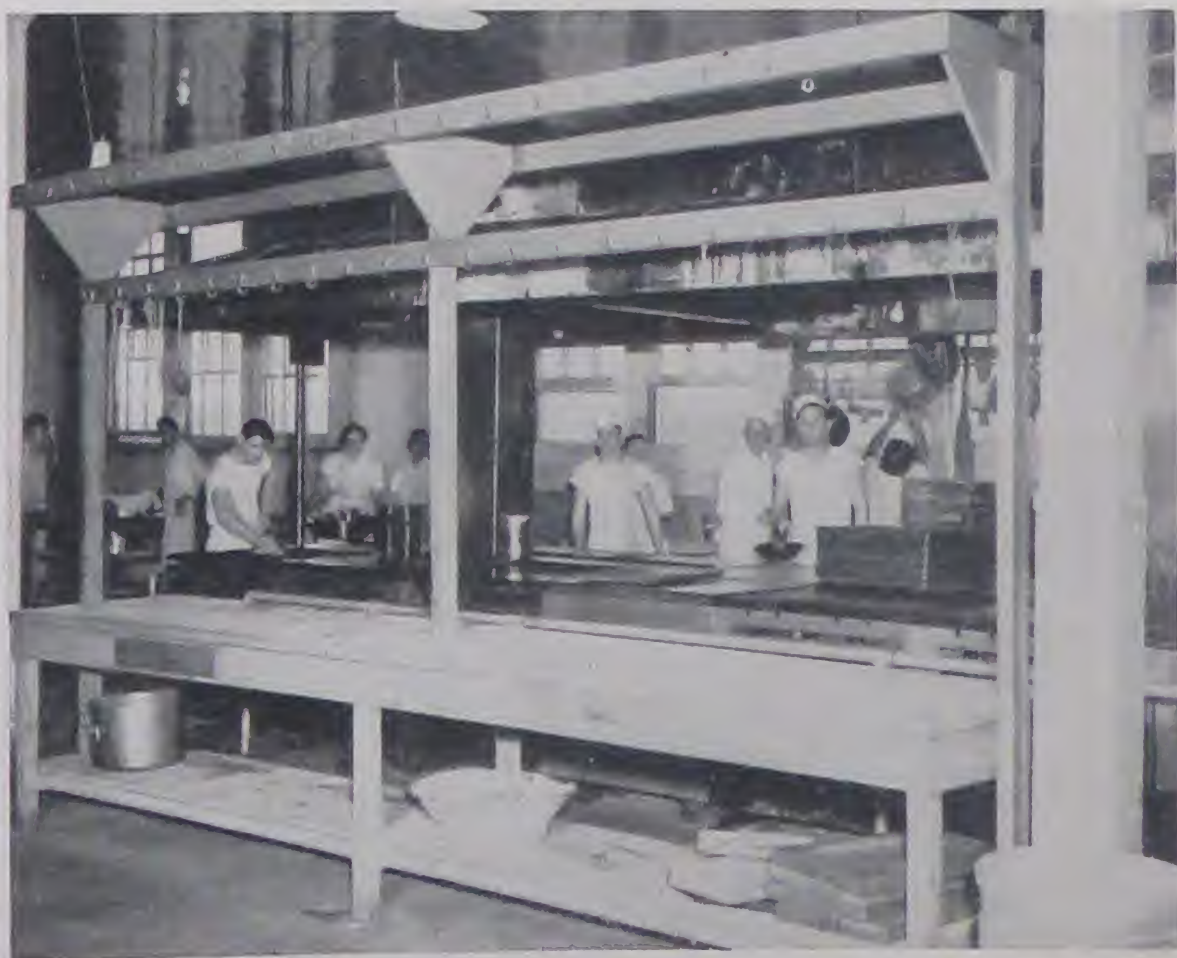
While Oak Knoll slumbers in the arms of Morpheus, commissary two's bakers are busy rolling dough and mixing the flour. At 0300 the ten bakers secure, for Sunday's cakes and pies are finished. They have plied their cul-

inary artistry all night and the finished products are one thousand apple pies for Sunday's chicken dinner.

Many of commissary two's patrons are confined to their wards. Gray motorless chow carts, guided by corpsmen, carry the Sunday chicken dinner to the bed patients in this "over hill and dale" fashion. One hundred eighty of these conform to strict and special diet. This includes newly born babes and correspondents.

At last the clock arms have reached the proper angle for the leg of roast chicken to make its debut. Sunday chicken dinner is on hand. Lines form at the doors of the chow halls. Tables inside are spotlessly clean, chairs and benches are primed to accommodate the weight of hungry Sunday dinner enthusiasts. The correlating parts of chicken and other nutrients are on the steam tables and three months of preparation has come to a climax.

With tray in hand Oak Knoll passes through another Sunday chow line, selecting choice parcels of food. Roast chicken, potatoes, vegetables, apple pie and—home-made ice cream. This newest fea-



The galley crew stands prepared to cook another gastronomical masterpiece for which Commissary Two is famous at Oak Knoll.

An ever-increasing number personnel have availed themselves of the splendid opportunity offered through the Educational Service Department by obtaining their high school diplomas. Since the 1st of December 15 persons at Oak Knoll have earned their diplomas.

It's really not as complicated as it sounds, even though you may only have two years or less completed. Through anyone or a combination of the following methods you may earn sufficient credit to qualify for your passport to college, business et al: first many states offer varied credits for military service such as boot or basic training, service schools and rates earned during enlistments. Second General Education Development Tests, a high sounding name for five simple examinations which require more common sense than formal education. Third, since most states require at least one unit of American history, the American Council of Education has devised an examination in this subject which if successfully passed is generally accepted in lieu of the required credit. Materials for "boneing up" on this exam. are cheerfully furnished upon request.

There, you see? It's really very simple, and you, too, may join the ranks of those to whom we offer congratulations for a job well done. Here is the list of those who have recently been either awarded diplomas, been placed on the regular graduation list for this term, or have been granted high school equivalency certificates otherwise known as Veteran's Diplomas.

Lester T. Barr, HA 1/c, Chicago, Ill.; Robert G. Miller, S/1c, Tacoma, Wash.; Charles E. Runyon, OM 3/c, Jacksonville, Fla.; Joseph Anzelc, ANM 2/c, Chicago, Ill.; Ronald Haum, Pfc, Oakland; Robert J. Bohannon, S 1/c, Springfield, Ill.; Robert Small, HA 1/c, Mead, Wash.; Charles Musselwhite, CMM, Kosciusko, Miss.; Roy Beltz, Pfc, Mill Valley, Calif.; Bill Monton, PhM 3/c, Evansville, Ark.; W. E. DeWitte, PhM 2/c, Detroit, Mich.; Ernest T. William, Des Moines, Iowa; Chavez, Pvt., Monticello, N. M.; Edward V. Doty, EM 3/c, Woodland, Calif.; Wendell H. Startup, F 2/c, Chicago, Ill.

ture of commissary two is the department for the making of fresh fifteen per cent butterfat ice cream. All future ice cream served at the hospital will be made under the supervision of Chief Steel and his ice cream technicians. This means better quality and additional quantities of your favorite dessert. The scoop ball will replace the brick.

"I heard you were awful sick. Couldn't the doctor do you any good?"

"No. He told me to drink a gallon of whiskey after a hot bath."

"And did you do it?"

"I couldn't finish drinking the hot bath."

PhM3c: That Wave you've been going with is a smart little gold-digger.

HA2c: Then all I've got to say is that she's a damn poor geologist.

Red Cross Makes Ward Life Cheerful With Parties and Entertainment



Miss Ettelson of the Red Cross cuts the first piece of cake as the patients of Ward 60A celebrate the christening of AMM2c Paul Diez's model airplane.

Wednesday was a great day for Paul Diez, AMM2c of Merced, California, and all the patients of Ward 60A. With great ceremony, Diez's completed plane was christened by Miss Ettelson of Red Cross. Bearing his former crew's insignia, the 333 is a miniature gasoline model, which flies for three to four minutes. After the christening ceremony, all enjoyed the "christening liquid" — ginger ale and the cake, which was designed with a large frosted replica of the 333.

Amid shouts of glee, and practically a fanfare of bugles, the Red Cross ward movie program was resumed on Thursday, February 21. Under this new movie program which is made possible through the cooperation of the Navy and Red Cross, seventy movies are shown each week with the heavily populated bed patient wards receiving two pictures each week.

The Navy has supplied five carts for ramp use to the ward and a Navy truck has been supplied to Graphic Arts for transporting movie equipment to the wards without ramp connections. Under the capable direction of Lt. Dun-

can of Graphic Arts, fifteen people have been trained in general maintenance of machines, films, and actual running of the movies. All supplies and equipment are furnished by Red Cross in order to carry out this important movie program for the benefit of bed patients and those men and women who are restricted to the wards.

Pvt. Joe Breezdowski (Ski) of Ward 43B was honored Thursday by a birthday celebration on the ward. The patients helped Joe celebrate by eating the elaborately decorated birthday cake and also by playing the horses, "spurred on" by Miss Louise Hazlett, Mrs. Myrtlebelle Dunlap, and a Gray Lady from the Red Cross Department. To complete the afternoon's fun, all the patients joined in a song fest. So it was indeed a happy birthday for Joe!

From the men on Wards 51A, 63A and 63B, particularly come notes of appreciation. Mr. C. L. Archimbault, who for several years has been bringing his own collection of new and old jazz and classical records, to play for the patients every Friday.

Society Crap was the main game

Big U.S.O. Show Coming Wed.

Latest in the series of topflight Camp Shows to be presented by the U.S.O. is "Mirth, Maids, and Melody," to be seen on the stage of Oak Knoll's auditorium March 20 and 21. A high-stepping, fast-moving caravan, it features such big time vaudevillians as: LeVan and Bolles, a boy and girl song and chatter team whose act has been seen on all the major circuits; Clayton and Phillips, headline tumbling and balancing duo, who include among the many spots in which they have appeared the Golden Gate Theatre in San Francisco; the Six Fast Steppers, a dance line of smooth-looking, hip swinging girls. This act is one of the first formed by the U.S.O. and was the first dance line to receive an overseas assignment. Since their return from the "foxhole circuit," they have been touring with the famous Overseas Caravan which has been playing most of the better spots throughout the country.

Another service of our Welfare and Recreation Department, the show will be presented at the auditorium both Wednesday evening, March 20 and Thursday evening, March 21 at 1800.

Remember: The show—"Mirth, Maids, and Melody." The dates—March 20 and 21. The place—Ship's Service Auditorium. The time—1800.

of the evening at an informal party given by Night Recreation Corps on Ward 74A on Wednesday, March 6. Winners and losers alike all enjoyed participation. The buffet supper with everything from sandwiches to pie was served by hostesses and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Questions about football were literally "flying through the air" when patients on both wards 63A and 63B were composing a football quiz. The spirit of competition is high, for they are soon to exchange the quizzes to be answered and judged. May the best ward win and good luck, men.

Who was the woman I saw you outwit last night?

21 Nurses Attain Rank of Lt. Comdr.

Ward corpsmen hold your hats and your tongues because 21 Oak Knoll nurses have been advanced in rank from Lieutenant to Lieutenant Commander.

Oak Knoll extends its heartiest congratulations to Rose M. Foulkes, USN; Ida M. Ilstad, USN; Edna (n.) Barnett, USN; Thelma E. Morris, USN; Myrtle M. Teiseire, USN; Hazel L. Essary, USN; Alya Mary Meeuwen, USNR; Rebecca J. Luper, USN; Mary H. McLaughlin, USN; Margie F. Wolcott, USN; Lillian E. Seale, USN; Agnes L. Supon, USN; Margaret A. O'Shea, USN; Lucille M. Otero, USN; Anna A. Kaes, USN; M. M. McNamara, USN; Mary F. Baker, USN; Mildred M. Morrison, USN; Judy E. Walther, USN; A. M. Liskey, and Grace Mary Acuna, USN.

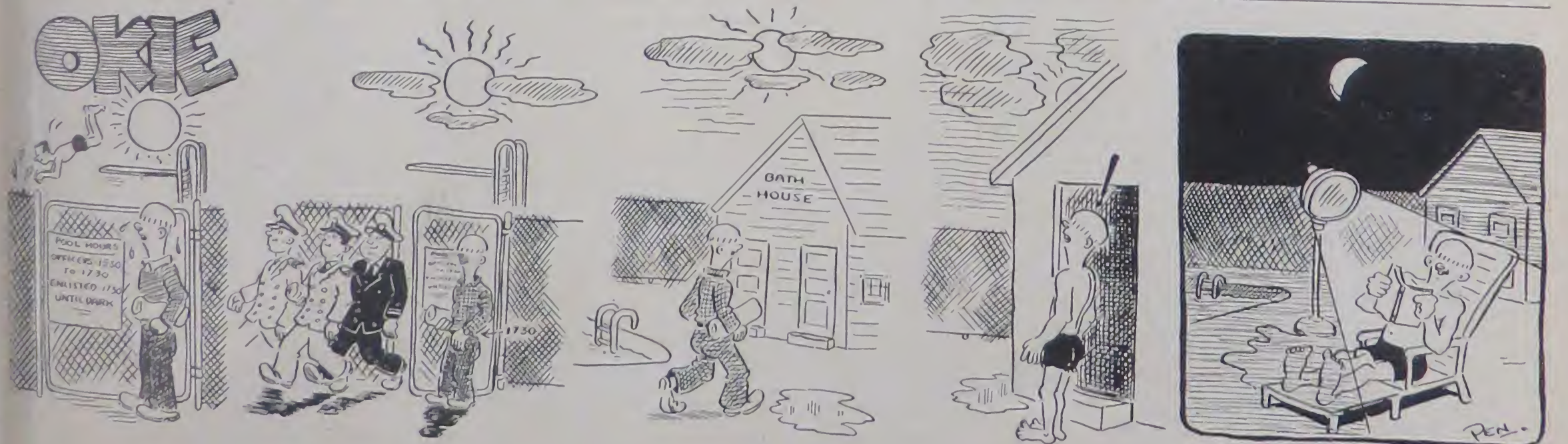
Movie Stars Shine In Ed. Services Pictures

The Educational Services office announced this week that four films, entertaining as well as educational, will be shown to all hands in the Ship's Service auditorium at 1315 and 1430, on 19 and 20 March. Included in the films will be "I'm a Civilian Here, Myself," starring Robert Benchley; "The Case of Malory" and "Time To Kill," both depicting life on a destroyer; and "Well Done," a color picture commending the men of the Navy for their part in victory.

Captain A. H. Dearing, medical Officer in Command, desires that all hands arrange to see these films at one of the four showings.

She: I'm living in a dormitory while I'm at college.
He: A what?
She: A dormitory. Surely you know what a dormitory is. What did you sleep in while you were in the Navy?
He: My skivies.

She: Darling, did you ever try selling vacuum cleaners?
He: No, of course not.
She: You'd better start now, for that's my husband coming up the walk.



Scuttlebutt

A Pal's Mother Goose rhyme
Jack be nimble
Jack be fast.
Jack jumped over the Captain's
mast. . . .

Oak Knoll rolls out the "Welcome Home Again" mat as six waves cantered back onto familiar territory. Many fortnights ago, these lollygagging lovelies left our hilly terra firma to trod over Hawthorne, Nevada's greener prairies. **Georgia Love, Reed a Magsamin, Emma Mae Haynes, Jo Ann Jarriot, Margie McKeever** and (dig this handle, Staff Personnel) **Diana Aznavoorian**, have returned to the fold. What do these precious pintos have to say about the meadows of Hawthorne—Give it back to Hiawatha. . . .

That spring is here both climatically and in the hearts of our young is very apparent to anyone who tries to use the back steps of Wave Barracks these balmy evenings. Ah, to be young. Ah, to have a woman. Ah, to be an M.A.A. and shatter the darkness with a spotlight.

One way to a man's heart is through his stomach; a better way is to match swallows of eats with him at chow time. For authentication watch the masticatings of **Kamaras** and **Hauptman** in the far corners of Commissary 1. . . .

Mary McDermott of O.P.D. has defied the beckonings of civilian life and became Oak Knoll's second wave chief pharmacist mate. Mary, you're not going to be a meanie and come through the barracks each A.M., waking us guys up . . . Are You?

Oaknollagemants to Welfare and Rec. for those swell **Name Bands** and the plenty okay dances. Acorns (a member of the nut family) to those characters who "shove off" during the U.S.O. stage shows. Remember, you are an enlisted man and a gentleman. . . .

An enterprising young lad down Dental Clinic way wishes to expose his startling discovery. **Tex Devers**, he assures us, has two circular brownish beauty marks. Where? . . . Only this amorous fellow (who is hiding in a local molar cavity in fear that his identity be known) knows. He saw her health record. **Tex** knows too, but she won't tell. . . .

Oak Knoll has a variation of that oft told tale of Ferdinand, the bull with the delicate ego, who nuzzled sweet scented roses. The bull in question is none other than a **Chief** and the rose is a gift from some ardent admirer. The name of the **Chief**? . . . Not **Rowe**, but **Gilboy**. . . .

He: Pardon me, but you look like Helen Green.
She: So what? I look much worse in pink.

Off the Bookshelf

With spring in the air and lovers everywhere, poetry comes into prominence. It seems that some of the traditional ones together with those of the new singers might be apropos.

From the collections in the library, perhaps Oak Knollers may find some of the following selections expressive of their gentler moods and sentiments:

Auden, W. H., *Collected Poetry*. 225 selections of one of England's eminent poets. Chosen from his own works.

Benet, Stephen, *Western Star*. Stirring verse telling of America's earlier expansion westward.

Byron, Lord George Gordon, *Poetical Works*. Fiery, romantic poetry of a fiery, romantic man.

Dickinson, Emily, *Bolts of Melody*. A new collection published for the first time almost sixty years after the poet's death. Delicate and lovely lines, some of her best.

Eliot, Thomas Stearns, *Four Quartets*. These are philosophic and interpretive.

Frost, Robert, *Collected Poems*. Nature poems of rare beauty.

Houseman, Alfred Edward, *A Shropshire Lad*. Flawless lyric writing such as is seldom found.

Jeffers, Robinson, *Roan Stallion, Tamar, and Other Poems*. Flowing lines full of the intensity of loneliness.

Droke, Maxwell, *Stag Lines*. Poetry that men enjoy.

Masefield, John, *Selected Poems*. Lyrics, sonnets, and narrative forms alike in that all are the product of a powerful personality.

Millay, Edna St. Vincent, *Make Bright The Arrows*. Poetry with a wayward personal charm.

Service, Robert William, *Ballads of a Bohemian*.

Shakespeare, William, *Sonnets*.

Untermeyer, Louis, *Stars to Steer By*.

Well Done!



The Commanding Officer extends a hale and hearty "Well Done" to Dr. Milton D. Levine, Lieut. (jg), M.C., USNR, and to all the doctors, nurses, corpsmen, and staffs of transportation for their speedy and efficient handling of the food poisoning cases admitted to the hospital on March 8th.

To buy..sell..rent

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For Rent . . .

Large room in private home, two beds. Two blocks off Seminary. \$21 monthly. Contact "Pop" Kennedy at the Guard Office, second deck, Bldg. No. 1.

For Sale . . .

Man's perfect two-carat blue white diamond. Mounted in masculine, modern heavy gold with platinum crest. Cost \$1,800. Will sell cheap. Wayne Davis, Y 2/c, Ward 76-A.

Ice box, oak dining room table, gas cooking stove, and baby buggy. Call Ext. 247.

Lost . . .

17-jewel Recta wrist watch. No hands. Lost on compound the last week in Feb. Reward. W. E. Guthrie, Pfc., Ward 55.

Elgin 17-jewel wrist watch. Lost at P & A party. Reward. John McCown, Laundry.

Wanted . . .

A camera at reasonable price. Contact Lt. (jg) Ruth Elbe, Ward 53.

He was digging into the mud around the wheel of his bogged down car, when a stranger hailed him.

"Stuck in the mud?" he wanted to know.

"Oh, no," said the sweating gentleman with the shovel. "You see, my motor died here, and I'm just digging a grave."

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FAMOUS LAST WORDS

"Ok, if he won't dim his light I won't dim mine."

"Look, it's a torpedo."

"But, sir, I can't be transferred. I'm next on the list for Fore Amber."

"Champagne . . . I could drink buckets of it."

A fellow bitten by a dog
Caused the doctors some surprise
By writing up a lengthy log
Of names of gals and guys
"Are these," said Doc, "the folks we write,
In case you should get bad?"
"Naw, these are the bums I write
bite,
In case I should go mad!"



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12th Naval District To Change Admirals

Official Naval sources have revealed that Rear Admiral Carleton H. Wright, USN, will relinquish his command of the Twelfth Naval District to Rear Admiral D. B. Beary, USN, on April 1. Admiral Wright will proceed to the Pacific Fleet headquarters in the capacity of General Inspector of the Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas. He will relieve Admiral A. K. Doyle, USN, who now holds that post.

The District's next Commandant, Rear Admiral Beary, commanded the transport USS West Point at the outbreak of the war. His other wartime commands were the Naval Operating Base, at Reykjavik, Iceland, Atlantic Fleet Operational Training Command, Logistic Support Group, Pacific Fleet, the task group which supported the far reaching operations of the Pacific Fleet and particularly the fast carrier task forces of Admirals Halsey and Spruance in the Pacific. Admiral Beary holds the Navy Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit with one gold star.

Admiral Wright has expressed deep and sincere regret upon leaving San Francisco. He has always liked the city and has come to like it even more during this tour of duty in "a grand city with grand people." His regret at leaving his many good friends is tempered by the hope that his future duties will bring him here often again. Of the latter there is good chance, since "it is upon this great port that much of the strength and destiny of the United States will always depend."

Pre-Liberty Stage Show

Continuing to bring the best entertainment possible to Oak Knoll audiences, the Welfare and Recreation Department will present another elaborate stage show this afternoon at 1400. The Skating Rink, nationally famous skating stars, will be featured along with Clara Win, well-known ballerina, and Elsa Long, expert tap dancer. Joe Brigandi and his 15-piece orchestra will provide the musical background for this top-flight show.

Oak Knoll Looms in National Spotlight With Use of New Unproven "Wonder Drug"



After a long and uncertain plane trip to the Camp Carson Army Medical Center, Colorado Springs, Mr. Walter Berry presents two boxes of the so called "wonder drug," streptomycin, to Lt. Comdr. Joseph O'Grady, Officer of the Day, in hopes that it will save his son's life. Dr. O'Grady later gave the drug to Lt. Alfred C. Godward, Ward Medical Officer of 63A, who administered the medicine.

Hospital Commissaries Denounce Men with Big Eyes, Small Stomachs

Are you one of the quite a few whose names have been taken for leaving one of the mess halls with chow on your tray? You are perhaps wondering what it is all about. It is a part of the program to prevent waste of food. You may feel that your throwing out that dab of butter or that slice of bread is a very small matter. But multiply one dab of butter or one slice of bread by four thousand, the number of people who eat at Oak Knoll mess halls, and in turn multiply that by three, the number of meals each day, times seven, the number of days in the week, and you get an astronomical figure.

Both President Truman and Ex-President Hoover have voiced appeals to every American to con-

serve food for the millions of starving people in Europe and Asia. Perhaps these places seem very remote to you, but remember you aren't asked to give up anything, you are merely being asked not to waste.

Indirectly the butter you save here eases the shortage that your family is feeling. The less food wasted, the less needed and the more available for public consumption.

Some of those slogans that we used to see in the mess halls are still appropriate and the need for food conservation is just as great now as during the war. TAKE ALL YOU WANT . . . EAT ALL YOU TAKE . . . NOT EAT LESS . . . BUT WASTE LESS.

A drama of national importance was enacted at Oak Knoll this past week as one of its patients made front pages across the country. Pfc. Raymond Berry, on the critical list since February 19th, with military tuberculosis contracted during the Iwo Jima campaign, was treated with a new and unproven drug, streptomycin.

In an eleventh hour attempt to save his son's life, Ray's father flew to Camp Carson Army Medical Center to obtain the so-called "wonder drug." On the return trip the plane was forced down by bad weather and it was feared that he would not get through. However, he was picked up by a special plane and flown to San Francisco, where he was met by a police escort and rushed to the hospital. Here he turned the precious drug over to Lt. Comdr. Joseph O'Grady, Officer of the Day.

Ray has been a patient here since last October when he was admitted with a diagnosis of pneumonia, which later developed into military tuberculosis. This is a rare form of the disease and differs from other types of tuberculosis in that it breaks out in hundreds of small places rather than in just one or two spots.

Streptomycin, supposedly a new "miracle-drug," is so rare that as yet it has not had an opportunity to prove its true value. At the Mayo Clinic where it has been tested, it was reported that the drug produced some improvement during the early stages of the disease, but had no effect as the disease spread.

When Mr. Berry heard that a small amount of the drug was available at the Army hospital in Colorado Springs he flew there directly from his son's bedside. He obtained the streptomycin by a special dispensation of Army authorities at the medical center.

Another bit of drama was added to the story this week as Eileen Laughlin, Raymond's sweetheart, flew here from Colorado Springs to be with him. Miss Laughlin was instrumental in aiding Mr. Berry to procure the new drug from the Army.

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• The Serviceman and The Red Cross

Every day at Oak Knoll we see evidence of the work of the American Red Cross. As we walk through a ward we notice that patients have cigarettes, shaving gear, Afghans, sweaters and many other comfort articles that have been given to them by the Red Cross. We also note that there is ward entertainment or movies each afternoon. This, too, is brought about by the Red Cross.

Although the work done by the Red Cross at Oak Knoll is vital to the comfort of the patients here, it is but a "mere drop in the bucket" to many of the endeavors undertaken by this organization. Throughout four years of war the Red Cross workers were always by the side of the fighting men whether they were in Europe, the South Pacific or at sea. In June, 1945, more than 4,500 Red Cross personnel were overseas operating clubs and canteens where the war weary were always welcome. The average monthly attendance of service personnel in Red Cross clubs overseas has been approximately 10,000,000.

One of the most important things to a sailor away from home is the health and well-being of his home. Since Pearl Harbor more than 6,298,000 communications for servicemen, ex-servicemen and their families were handled by the Red Cross. Whenever a serviceman feels that he needs an emergency leave he automatically thinks of the Red Cross, because if a leave is possible the Red Cross will obtain it for him.

What do patients at Oak Knoll think of the work done by the American Red Cross during the war? Here is a sample of the feeling among patients returned from overseas:

"In my estimation the Red Cross did the impossible during the war; now they are carrying on in the same wonderful way even though the war is over. The morale of the men in the Pacific was always high and it was due largely to the great work of the Red Cross. They did so many fine things for us while we were overseas that I could never begin to tell them all or thank the Red Cross enough. I'll just repeat that it is a fine organization and has done a wonderful job. Don't let them down."

—Cpl. Larry E. Weatherford, USMCR.

"I was a pharmacist mate overseas and many times when small ships could not obtain medical supplies the Red Cross came through with the necessary bandages and medicines, not to mention the blood plasma that they gave. The Red Cross has served us well during two world wars and the peace that has followed. It would be a crime against human nature if we failed them now."

—PhM 2/c W. T. O'Dowd, USNR.

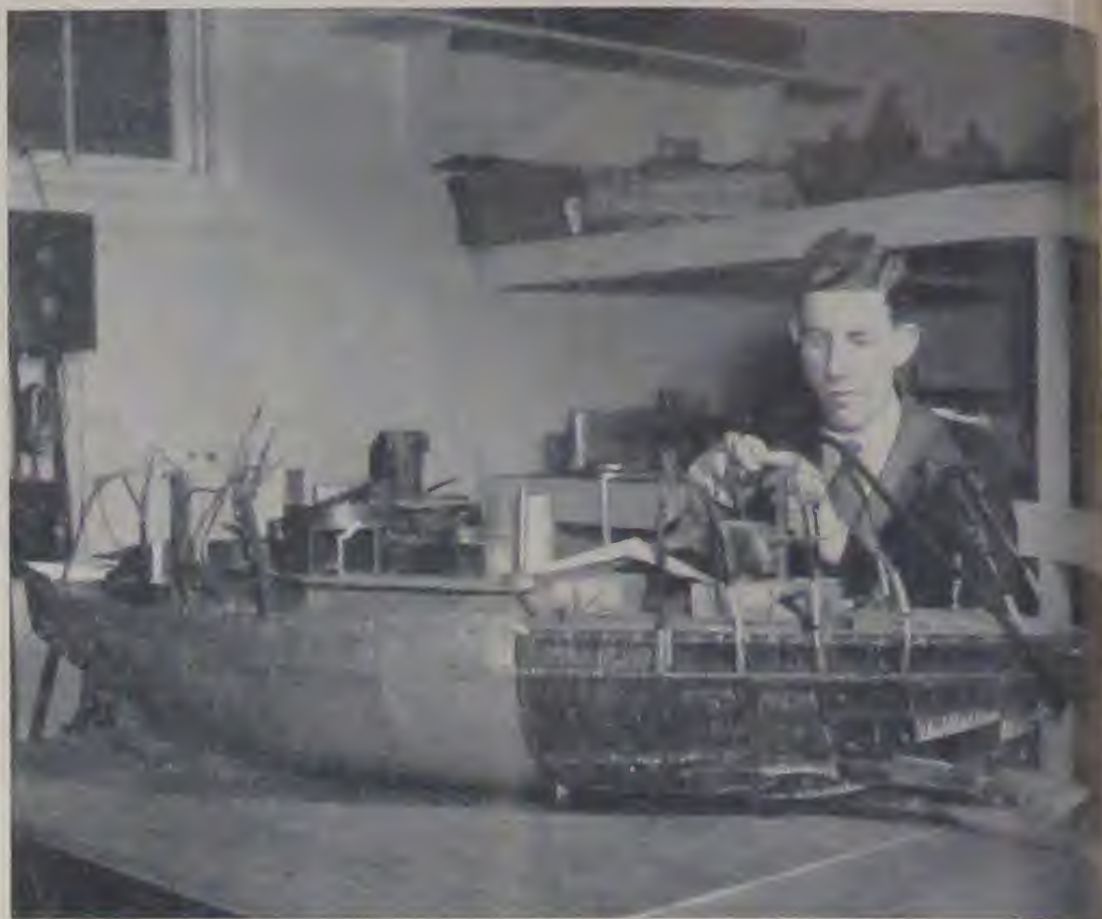
"As I have seen the Red Cross work at Oak Knoll during the past year it has contributed largely to the good morale of the patients. Doctors tell us that good morale is an essential factor in therapy and the eventual recovery of the patients."

—Cpl. Ray Averett, USMCR.

Need we say more about the work that the Red Cross has done?

This, the first peacetime year in five, the American Red Cross is asking for \$100,000,000 to buy the things that will ease the horror of disaster, for who knows where it will strike, or when? The Red Cross is always ready to do its part. Will you do yours? Donations may be made to the Security Officer on the second deck of Building One.

A Miniature Lifesaver



Experimenting on scale models of ships helped save lives and protect ships during the once-dreaded German magnetic mine campaign. Elwood Maple, NOL magnetic field operations chief, experiments with degaussing coils—which neutralize magnetic fields by introducing counter magnetic fields within ships—on a model Coast Guard icebreaker.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Christian Endurance

Which is the more difficult task, the severer strain upon character to win a victory, or to sustain a defeat and still keep undiscouraged and in good temper? There is no more searching test of the human spirit than the way it behaves when fortune is adverse and it has to pass through a prolonged period of disappointing failures. Then comes the real proof of a man. Achievement, if a man has the ability to achieve, is easy; but to take hard knocks and come up smiling demands something different. This is true in every realm of life but especially in that of Christian experience.

It is not easy to be a Christian. Don't allow any half-baked evangelist to lull you into thinking so. It demands the best in a man. Following Christ's plan for individual behavior towards God and man is not a simple matter. The quest for moral purity will be interrupted many times by saddening defeats. The realization of this is highly important. For many travelers, starting along the road which leads to human happiness and ultimately to Heaven itself, may be back, dismayed by early obstacles. However, this will never happen if we remember that no Christian character is ultimately tested until it has suffered. It is a great deal easier to use our talents well when we are prosperous than to use our troubles well, to achieve when we are prosperous than to be patient when we are in adversity.

So, Christian, take note. Life does not ask simply, "How much can you do?" It asks, also, "How much can you endure, and still be true to your ideals?"

CHAPLAIN WILLIAM F. SUMMERS

Pre-Easter Divine Services

PROTESTANT

Services daily except Saturday 1215-1250 in the Ship Service Auditorium.

CATHOLIC

Special Devotions in the Large Chapel.

Tuesday, 1830—Novena and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Wednesday, 1630—Mass, Sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Friday, 1630—Mass, Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Will Osborne - Local Residents in Full Swing



Above are several scenes taken at the recent All Hands Dance held in the Ship's Service auditorium. Will Osborne and his excellent band furnished the music for the highly successful "get-together." Upper left Will Osborne offers a vocal rendition of "Oh, What It Seemed To Be." Lower right, the lovely Sue Sanders gives forth with one of the latest ballads.

Forrestal Pledges Food Conservation

(SEA)—"All Naval activities will institute such additional measures as are necessary to conserve supplies of flour and insure that maximum use is made of this critical item and that waste is reduced to the absolute minimum," reiterated Secretary Forrestal as he pledged the Navy's support in work of the Famine Emergency Committee.

Stating that "throughout the war the Navy has been conscious of the necessity of food conservation measures," the Secretary called upon all ships and stations to aid the efforts of the committee to relieve food shortages abroad.

Our congratulations to Bill Fleming, MM3c, whose sketch of Gray Lady, Mrs. Moriority, is on prominent display in the Red Cross window at Capwell's department store.

Patients Offered Contest Opportunity

Of interest to Oak Knoll patients is the announcement by the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild of a model car design competition. Altogether there are 1105 awards for hospitalized members of the Armed Services. Top prize is \$1,000 and there are 38 other awards available to each Naval District.

To be eligible you must be a member of the Armed Forces, not yet discharged, and hospitalized within the geographical limits of

the 48 states and the District of Columbia at the time of your entry into the contest.

All you have to do is make a solid miniature model automobile embodying your own ideas of motor car design.

Further information and the necessary entry blanks can be secured from the Welfare and Recreation Department, second deck of the Ship's Service building.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, J. A. Talley, A. T. L. Armstrong, W. F. Summers.
 Sunday—
 Morning Service 1000
 Communion Service 1100
 Evening Vespers 1930
 Weekday—
 Morning Devotions 0730
 Vesper Service 1600
 Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
 Choir—Tuesday & Thursday, 1400-1500.
 Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Christian Science:

War-time minister will be at the reception office in the Chapel every Tuesday at 1400 to 1600.

L. D. S. (Mormon):

Services 1930 Thursday.

Catholic:

Chaplains—Nicholas F. Gruber, J. P. Griffin.
 Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130.
 Saturday Mass—0800 and 1630.
 Weekday Mass—0800 and 1630.
 Confessions before all Masses.
 Novena and Benediction, 1830 Tuesday.
 Catholic Chaplain's offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Jewish:

Divine Service—2000 Friday, conducted by Mr. Bernard Miran.
 The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1900 to 2000 on Fridays.

Movie Schedule

Sat. 23 March, *Pin Up Girl*, Betty Grable, Martha Raye.

Sun. 24 March, *The Man in Grey*, Margaret Lockwood, James Mason.

Mon. 25 March, *Practically Yours*, Fred MacMurray, Claudette Colbert.

Tues. 26 March, *Saratoga Trunk*, Ingrid Bergman, Gary Cooper.

Wed. 27 March, *Truth About Murder*, Bonita Granville, Conway Morgan.

Thurs. 28 March, *I Ring Doorbells*, Robert Shayne, Ann Gwynne.

Fri. 29 March, *Hoodlum Saint*, William Powell, Esther Williams.

Sat. 30 March, *Roughly Speaking*, Rosalind Russell, Jack Gordon.

Clothes make the man. With a woman they just show how she's made.

Occupational Therapy Helps Those Who Help Themselves



Patients of occupational therapy spend many hours doing constructive and interesting work that helps rebuild their bodies and at the same time makes long hours pass faster. S1c William Clark expertly manipulates a hand loom as PhM3c Betty Costigan gives helpful suggestions. On the right PhM3c "Dottie" Dunham admires the artistic skill of S1c E. Gismond.

If ever the American Indian decides to overthrow the government and take back what was once his, Oak Knoll would be in mortal danger. Our hospital has borrowed from the native his pottery skill, copied the loom weaving trade and can turn out more wampum per day than six of the largest Sioux reservations. This mastery of the fingers and hand, the dexterity of the leg and foot, has been converted into a medical science and titled Occupational Therapy.

The job and aim of Occupational Therapy is threefold. It is geared to hasten the use of a limb afflicted with paralysis. It caters to men who are permanently handicapped, i.e., by teaching a suited vocation not hindered by his impediment. Thirdly, this type of physical medicine provides recreation and handiwork for minds which become dormant after long periods of hospitalization. It forms a diversion from the routine and measured life of convalescence. Occupational Therapy furnishes the tools, equipment and the knowledge while the patient himself advances toward recovery.

Three years ago the infant was born in the rear end of Physio Therapy building. Nursed and cradled by Lt. Comdr. Frances Nicoll, Oak Knoll's Occupational Therapy places high as one of the hospital's finest and most beneficial departments. It is staffed by seven Waves and six corpsmen, all trained in the science of treating an injured limb with exercise through occupation. O. T. now constitutes parts of three buildings and offers its technology and equipment to many patients daily.

The Wood Shop, guided by Oscar Haynes, HA1c, is one of the three occupation units. Here the patient derives the pleasures of carpentry and the benefits of using his afflicted limb. If a patient has a nerve injury and cannot contract his fingers, his treatment would concentrate on claspings a jig-saw or tightening his grip around a ham-

mer. Not only is this patient bending his fingers but also is indulging in something that holds his interest and occupies his mind. He will gain some needed confidence in his ability to use the disabled hand and will have the finished product of his labors. One fellow, now discharged, started a miniature of the home he intended to build in post-military life. Every room was dimensionally perfect, every bed had an innerspring mattress. When the last coating of paint dried, his injured hand had greatly improved.

Occupational Therapy has other fields of vocations and handicraft, such as weaving the threads and colors that produce a rug or a bedspread. To operate a loom, the legs and hands move continuously and in coordination. Hemoplegia cases, who have an entire side of the body paralyzed, develop the usefulness of their extremities and will shortly trod over hand-made rugs—in civilian shoes. Betty Costigan, PhM3c, and patient William Clark, S1c, supervise the weavings on the fifty looms and introduce the new weaver to the strange and intricate device which came into being along with Adam and Eve.

Another noteworthy attraction in the house of Occupational Therapy is the Craft Shop. Dorothy Dunham, PhM3c, watches over the room where the artist paints and the man of leathers beats out his designs. The shop includes pottery making, model plane building and

other types of "hobbying" endeavors. Many patients that inhabit this shop have the proverbial "time on their hands" and engage in their hobbies most of the day.

Occupational Therapy has also impregnated the lives of the men on the wards. A group of O.T. technicians are sent to the ward where a patient is confined who craves something to do. Some wards have weaving looms, others have carpentry tools or instruments for leather work. Each day the trained technicians set up their shop on the wards and help pass the rehabilitation hours by inducing patients to make a purse for the local lovely or the local money market.

But the proof of the pudding is in the Occupational Therapy showcase which stands backed against the wall, parallel to the O.O.D.'s desk. The finest, most skillfully fashioned articles are on display for all to see.

This department has indeed hastened the recovery of ailing arms and legs. It has done more than that, it has built up morale by keeping the mind active, and the proud owner of a newly made rug or purse a little more content than before Occupational Therapy came into his life.

Three Boots entered a roadside bar and, looking around cautiously, made their way to the bartender.

"I'll have a coke," said the first.

The bartender looked at the man on the next stool. "I'll take an orangeade," was the quiet, dignified reply.

Disgust written on his face, the bartender glared at the third.

"Just a glass of water for me," was the request, "I'm driving."

New Changes Due to Service Insurance

Service insurance, already the best and lowest cost protection ever offered, will be an even better deal if pending legislation is acted.

Two features of National Service Life Insurance which have been the subject of some criticism are being considered for change. One is the provision for payment of benefits in installments, with option for lump sum payment. The other is the limitation on the number of beneficiaries that may be designated. Both of these features were considered necessary during wartime in the interests of the government, the service men, and those dependent upon him. Since V-J Day these restrictive features are no longer essential, and identical bills have been introduced in the House and Senate to change them.

The proposed legislation would permit payment of proceeds of such insurance in a lump sum which would eliminate restrictions on beneficiaries. Certain other improvements in the act would be made which, if enacted, would provide complete life insurance coverage to service men. Pending legislation has the endorsement of both services and Veterans' Administration.

S 2/c: We're going to give you a bride a shower.

CPO: Count me in. I'll bring soap.

"The Chief certainly has a big acquaintance in town, doesn't he?"

"Yes. I saw him out with her the other night."

CASE OF THE WEEK

Drought's Eye Saw the Glory But Not the Nipponese Slug

"Keep your head down, Drought," were the words of warning uttered by a supine Marine lieutenant to Arthur Drought, Pfc., during the battle of Iwo Jima. The lieutenant was being carried wounded to the rear on a stretcher.

Two days later, on March 10, Drought's head was still not down when it stopped a Jap .25 rifle bullet landing almost, but not quite, between the eyes. Some say (friends, of course) that this was an example of the irresistible force meeting the immovable object, for Drought, now on 45B, refused even to be knocked out. In fact, he remembers hearing the crack of the rifle, too late. He remembers walking back to the battalion aid station, thinking of the words of the lieutenant, too late.

When the doctors went to work on Drought in the next few hours they found that the bullet had been deflected off the inner side of his right eye socket and had lodged, nose outward, in a bone far in the back of the socket.

But pulling the bullet out was like trying to pick up a drop of quicksilver. A strong magnet failed to attract it from its snug nest in Drought's skull, and when an attempt was made to pull it out with the fingers, the bullet provokingly slipped backward into the intracranial space where the brain lies.

This meant that a whole new approach must be made, so 12 days later at Base Hospital 18 the brain surgeons removed a plate of bone from Drought's right temple and fished out the loose bullet, which still adds to Drought's dressed weight, as a key-chain ornament.

At the time of this second operation, the unhappy observation was made that the right optic nerve, leading from the eye to the brain, had been clipped by the bullet. This meant that the sight in the right eye had been irrevocably lost.

By May, 1945, the original wound had healed well enough that the useless and deformed eye could be removed—the first step in preparing a seat for an artificial eye designed to create a guessing game for those who peer into Drought's glims. At the end of May he was sent to Oak Knoll for the plastic surgery that would be necessary.

But the new eye could not be placed for a long time. The wound continued to drain until, in September, X-ray treatment was poured on and the healing proceeded anew. By November things were again ready for surgery and the first of four operations at monthly intervals was performed. A glass "implant" was placed in the socket to fill up the space left by removal of the eye, and, because the right upper lid drooped a bit, a sort of guy-line of connective tissue was attached from the lid to



Pfc. Arthur Drought, USMCR

the forehead muscles, underneath the skin. Thus Drought comes to be wearing his right eyelid in a sling, so to speak.

While he waits to be sent home soon, Art keeps busy by polishing cars for members of the hospital staff. The loss of one eye hasn't taken away his appreciation for handsome appearances, either on cars or elsewhere.

Furthermore, following the trend toward reconversion, Drought has decided to adapt the lesson learned at Iwo to his golf game at home—"Keep your head down."

New District Chaplain For Men of Jewish Faith

Chaplain Alfred Barnston has just been assigned as Jewish Chaplain for 12th Naval District. Chaplain Barnston will be available for patients and staff personnel on the hospital compound every Tuesday and can be reached through the Chaplain's office in Building 101.

Chaplain Barnston is a graduate of Rice Institute in Houston, Texas. He was admitted to the rabbinate in 1943 following his graduation from the Hebrew Union College. He was the rabbi of Brith Sholom Temple in Louisville, Ky., for one year and entered the chaplaincy in the Navy in 1944. Prior to his assignment in the 12th Naval district he was attached to the Marine Corps, Parris Island, North Carolina, for about fifteen months.

Jewish religious services will continue to be conducted at hospital chapel every Friday evening at 2000 (8 p.m.) by Bernard Miran, field representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

Red Cross Fills Wards with Cheer

Hats off to a lot of swell people who have been giving so generously of their time and energies in presenting entertainments to patients on the wards. The patients need no introduction to these volunteers, who have become so well known and appreciated here on the compound. Their smiles, their tricks of magic, music, and movies, have brought cheer and courage to patients for several years.

The AWVS, headed by Mrs. Skaggs, and the AFEC, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Thebaut, have presented variety shows on the compound each week, featuring dancers, singers, and musicians from the Bay Area. The well-known names of Maurice Anger, Arden DeCamp, Alice Heazen, June Preston, Sonja Shaw, Glenn and Dorothy Hurlburt, Howard Eastwood, Olga Baptiste, and Joy Rankie come quickly to our minds for they have made countless performances on the compound.

Current sports movies have been presented on the wards each week for the last several years by Mr. Sundin. In addition to showing these movies, Mr. Sundin, an authority on athletics, has discussed and answered questions about the various sports for the men.

Patients have seen fantastic and impossible card tricks performed by Mr. James Eyster and Mr. Fred Braue, who come to Oak Knoll each Friday night for ward entertainment.

The weekly visits of Miss Thelma Hansen, whose hobby she states is "collecting smiles," are anticipated with pleasure by patients on many of the wards. With her friendly smile and witty conversation, Miss Hansen has brought cheer — and delicious home-made cakes — to fellows on the wards for the last three years and four months. The most outstanding "entertainment" presented by Miss Hansen has been the Sunday morning breakfasts, when she serves the men delicious fried eggs, ham, and home-made muffins. The elaborate Valentine party was also most thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Under the direction of David Weaver, a Berkeley high school student, a group of young entertainers from the Bay Area have given several programs, much enjoyed by all patients. These young people sing, dance, and play, and do many request numbers for their appreciative audiences.

Mr. Larry Rogers from the Modern Art Studios, who has previously given auditorium shows, will occasionally entertain on the wards with variety shows.

For those patients who either wish to learn to play chess, or want a good partner, Mr. Ralph Jewell, Mr. Jerome Rosefield, and Mr. Sydney Garfield come to Oak Knoll each week to demonstrate and teach this intense game.

Our Doctor

Presenting the one doctor who upholds the neurological field of medicine at our hospital, Comdr. Robert D. Brookes (MC), U.S.N.R. Clinically speaking, Dr. Brookes combats the various disorders affecting the central nervous system.



Comdr. Robert D. Brookes
(MC), USNR

Some of his more common an-archists are epilepsy and multi-sclerosis.

Also under Comdr. Brookes' jurisdiction is the function of the Electroencephalography Department. This intricate machine picks up electrical discharges given off by the brain cells which in turn are recorded on an inkograph. These transmissions are analyzed and classified by Dr. Brookes in his office situated at the stern of Ward 51A.

Comdr. Brookes began his higher learnings at De Pauw University in Indiana and left in 1934 with an AB degree hanging from his dormitory wall. The good doctor took that diploma and his alumnus button and enrolled in Washington University's School of Medicine in St. Louis. In 1938 he completed his medical schooling and began internship at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. Dr. Brookes became interested in internal medicine, collected his two degrees and both alumnus buttons and entered the Neurological Institution of New York.

Dr. Brookes answered the Naval bos'n whistle in July of 1941 and was indoctrinated at U.S.N. Hospital, Brooklyn, New York. He was transferred to the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center and there served as an instructor to eligible pre-Naval doctors. This fifteen-month tour of duty included research work in the new field of the low-pressure chamber, which later became vital material in dive-bombing and under-water operations.

In September of 1942, Comdr. Brookes received orders to the Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, Maryland, and administered his medical skill as a member of the Neuro-Psychiatry department.

How to Successfully Master-at-Arm, or the Duties, Details and Dilemmas of 25A



CPhM J. E. Schultz, chief barracks master-at-arms, sounds off with the familiar "Now hear this" as he prepares to broadcast an important announcement to all hands in the hospital corps quarters.

Throughout history one will find instances where numbers reveal more than was actually presented on the surface. Down the stairways of time numeraled figures have represented tales and become synonymous with the more lengthy meaning. A modern day example is the number "13" which superstitiously signifies ill-fortune. To further illustrate, "7 come 11" as we all should know, depicts of tumbling, ricocheting, dotted cubes. Our hospital has the number "25A," which for staff members, tells quite a story.

When new Navy life is born for each of us in boot camp we absorb those typical seafaring expressions as "chow" and "head." We also meet that Shakespearean phrase "Master-at-Arms." Just as food and sleep are of primitive necessity, "Master-at-Arms" has been firmly rooted in our militant careers.

We now plunge into the biography of the staff's very own exclusive Master-at-Arms, the master of the barracks. Foul things have been said of these people but they have a job that is necessary and must be done. These are the middle-men; they issue the orders issued to them for us, the commoners. These are the expendable whose duty it is to see that your chores have been done. They also pass on to us the punishments that must be inflicted if what should be done is not. These are the "fall-guys" who must hold their heads high while we rain unjust, defiable scorn upon them.

The small office in 25A is the hub of all mastering of armings. Filled away in long thin green drawers is all information on every

working hand at Oak Knoll. 25A is the terminal point, and its efficient handling proves the success and organization of one phase of hospital life, a very main one. Out of this central point run the lines of communications, the public address speakers, connecting even the farthest flung out-post, namely 35A. How many times have we heard piped over the loudspeaker emergency calls for surgery or a long distance telephone message. Occasions arise where special gatherings have been relayed to all eager beavers. Now some wise guy can say that these same P.A.'s are also used to wake us up each dawn. Sure they are, bub, but can't you

look at something through rose-colored glasses, at least for one paragraph? Remember, Doc, it's the early bird who catches pneumonia in California's brisk morn.

Routine duty of Chief Schultz and his boys is keeping "home" as clean as possible. Improvements, added furniture, new floor covering, are all part of the every day buzz-buzz of a barracks master-at-arms. And for all this we sometimes experience a feeling of gratitude, but let anyone dare demonstrate outward emotionalism. I remember the look of happy surprise on the face of one fellow as he sat for the first time in a new red leather chair in a solarium. "Gee a regular officers' club," he uttered and sank into a cloud of homesickness.

That all roads lead to 25A is apparent and what comes out of that quarter number controls, to some extent, our daily lives. Their office is the hub, their loud speakers are the spokes and we take the position of the rim. It is one of the important wheels of Oak Knoll. Its efficiency and smooth running is in the hands of the M.A.A.'s of 25A.

You haven't had a real hangover until you can't stand the noise made by the Bromo-Seltzer.

Then there was the actress who married a director, longed for children and didn't have any. So she married a producer.

Description: Her face is her fortune and it runs into a nice figure.

"Ah, you Arabians! You are such intense lovers."

"Of course! We do everything in tents."



The barracks master-at-arms duty section proudly display their favorite tools, the swabs. Back row, left to right: PhM3c T. R. Kilbride, PhM1c J. M. Ringer, HA1c J. R. McAtee. Front row: HA1c G. L. Harter and PhM3c G. E. Krupke.

Navy Increases Civilian Wages

The Navy announced this week a general wage increase of 10 cents an hour for about 400,000 employees beginning March 15.

The announcement said the increase would be given to all peacetime workers in Navy shore establishments, with minor exceptions. Salaried workers are not affected.

The increase is in line with the recent pay raise approved by the Wage Stabilization Board for the shipbuilding industry and with recent adjustments made in other industries, the Navy said.

The Navy Department said it is the largest single employer of industrial workers in the country, having about one-half of all peacetime employees in the Government.

The Navy emphasized the 10-cent hourly increase does not apply to salaried employees whose pay is established by Congress and may be changed only by legislation. A bill to provide increase for such employees, whose pay is computed on an annual basis, is now pending before Congress.

Fountain Customers Get Homemade Food

Here's news for all Oak Knollers who pride themselves in their connoisseurship and general all-around good judgment of food tastes. Lt. E. H. Kershner, Ship's Service officer, has inaugurated a program of catering to the palates and stomachs of hospital inhabitants. A modernized and better Ship's Service fountain with all the qualities that make great eateries such as Joe's Greasy Spoon known throughout the Bay Area.

Have you noticed the new transparent sandwich wrappers designed to eliminate the consumer's questioned expectancy? The Ship's Service patron is taken out of the dark and can now inspect his ham sandwiches before laying his hard earned cash across the boards.

Homemade salads and non-fattening lunches are on the merchandise consuming line. Orange juice made about ten feet from the counter and instant-fresh is another feature of the new policy of the Ship's Service proprietors.

As an added attraction to the already overflowing delicacies of Lt. Kershner's fountain is the steaming hot dishes. Chili, the way your mother used to make it, if you happened to be from south of the border. Soups of all colors, flavors and seasonings will be on the coal and in the bowls of soup-loving service men and women.

THE SPORTING SCENE



In a recent tussel with Lake Chabot, Oak Knoll emerged the victor by the slim margin of 10 points. Above, Bob Jones, Oak Knoll star, neatly gains two more points for the hospital five.

The "Ins" and "Outs" of Oak Knoll's Board Men

Oak Knoll's casaba tossers racked up enough field goals and free throws to edge out the Lake Chabot five and emerge as Champs of the Hayward Recreational League. The score was Oak Knoll 37, Lake Chabot 27. Del Schafer with 13 points, was tops in the scoring department.

In the 12th Naval District Hospital League, the local dribble and shoot boys dropped San Leandro by a score of 48 to 39 to win second place in the final standings. This game was highlighted by the offensive play of Bob Jones who rained seven field goals and five free throws to lead in the tally end of the deal.

Our basketeers got rough handling in the recent Hayward Rec.

Tourney. In their initial clash, the lads from Oak Knoll did all right, dropping Mattson's Dairy 42-30. In the second game, a smart looking aggregation from Spiller's Service drubbed the Okies 52-44.

News of interest to basketball fans is that the station team will participate in the District Tournament to be held in Vallejo on March 26.

"Money," observes salty Sam, "doesn't necessarily guarantee happiness. For example, a man with 10 million isn't any happier than a man with nine million."

Father to Son: It's none of your business how I met your mother, but I can tell you one thing—it certainly cured me of whistling.

Softballers Swing-Slam-Slide and Slip

The Oak Knoll station softball team started off the 1946 season in winning style by downing the Western Sea Frontier club 11 to 9 in a slugfest. The contest, opener of the Battleship Division of the 12th Naval District league, was highlighted by the fine defensive work of Moose Campbell behind the plate, the pitching of Catalina and the stickwork of Bob Jones, who rapped out a single, a double and a three bagger in three trips to the plate.

Monday afternoon Oak Knoll journeyed to The City by the Golden Gate to tangle with the Leatherneck team there. When the smoke and dust had cleared, the Marines were atop the heap with two runs to Oak Knoll's goose egg. Our diamond boys were held to one bingle, a single by Frank O'Brien. Both teams played tight ball, Armbruster of Oak Knoll holding the gyrenes to four hits. Each team committed one error. The battery for Oak Knoll was Armbruster and Campbell.

On the she-male side of the sports picture is the news that enough Waves have signed up to form two softball teams. Port and Starboard tens will be formed. The first practice session is slated for March 29th.

Opportunities For All Grandstanders

Bob Jones, down at the driving range, reports that plenty of Oak Knoll's pasture pool enthusiasts are taking advantage of the range's facilities. He also spreads the welcome mat to any of you who wish to sharpen up the woods part of their game. The hours are from 10 to 1400.

K. B. Koslin, custodian of the swimming pool, dropped a hint that he is going to form a water polo team. You fellows who like your sport wet will do well to get in touch with Koslin.

Evidences that baseball will soon get underway are seen in the manicuring of the diamond way down in the corner of the compound. We

Officers Mail Room Wins Bowling Title

Oak Knoll's Keglers rounded out another week of competition, featured by the final play in the Departmental League. When the last strike had been rolled, Officer's Mail Room was in the lead.

A new league, comprised of twelve teams, will be formed and will bowl on Monday and Tuesday nights. The Black League will bowl on Monday and the Whites on Tuesday. Anyone interested in participating is advised to contact Jack Bohm at the alleys.

Also on the schedule for the maple bangers is a Patient's Doubles Tourney. This will be a play for pay tourney with prizes to the top teams. The tariff will be a dollar apiece and three games will be bowled. Pick your partner and sign up for this with Jack.

Cue stick and corner pocket men who want to wear the mantle as champ of Oak Knoll poolsters can also sign for the forthcoming pool tourney.

Final standings in the Departmental League were as follows:

Team	Won	Lost
O. M. R.	10	5
W. & R. No. 1	9	6
I. M. A. A.	8	7
W. & R. No. 2	7	8
Electrons	6	9
Staff Pers.	4	11

SPORT FANS

Baseball practice for enlisted and officer staff personnel starts Monday, 25 March. 1500-1700 at the Field House.

The hardest thing about doing nothing is that you can't stop and rest.

History records only one indispensable man: Adam.

She: Marry you? Why you haven't enough money to keep me in clothes.

Gob: Honey, that doesn't take money, that takes will power.

haven't any definite dope on when the club will be formed, but we will pass it along as soon as we get it.



To buy..sell..rent

NOTICE: "The Oak Leaf" does not accept paid advertising. The following items are printed as a free service for the hospital's patients and staff. Deposit items in "The Oak Leaf" contribution box in the lobby of Ship's Service. Incidentally, it is NOT a mail box.

For Rent . . .

Large room with housekeeping privileges. Near transportation—only five minutes from hospital. Women preferred. See Mrs. P. Mart, cashier in Ship's Service.

Wanted . . .

Anyone driving to Stockton over the week-ends and returning Sunday or Monday morning and can take a rider to share expenses contact Martha Fogg, Red Cross Hobby Shop, ext. 18.

Anyone interested in flying lessons or solo time in a new Luscombe at a nearby field contact G. F. Cahill, PhM 3/c, ward 40B.

Staff members with previous journalism experience who would like to work on the *Oak Leaf* staff are asked to contact the managing editor in the *Oak Leaf* office, second deck, administration building annex.

Officers Reporting . . .

Lieut. (jg) Wendall W. Adams (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) Donald Cruse (MC), USNR.

Officers Detached . . .

Lieut. (jg) Helen Bloch H(W), USNR; Ch. Pharm. Robert A. Allan (HC), USN; Lieut. De Orr Cooley (DC), USNR; Pharm. Ernest D. Paul (HC), USN; Comdr. Roy W. Tandy, Sr. (MC), USNR; Lieut. Emery P. Page (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) James L. Dennis (MC), USNR.

Girl in blackout: "Take your hands off me, you louse! No, not you,—YOU!"

Well Done!



Captain Dearing wishes to extend a "Well Done" to all hands who assisted so energetically to the success of the Alameda County Medical Association meeting last Monday evening. The executive officer, program committee, arrangement committee, Master-at-Arms force and "Bob Bost," club manager, are especially commended.

Scuttlebutt

Oakie, Oakie, quite the soakie,
How does your garden grow?
With silver bells and cockle shells,
And Pal's all in a Rowe. . . .

'Tis always an occasion for celebration and congratulations when the wedding bells give Oak Knoll that happy tingle. Chief Pharm. Wm. Canavan and nurse Alyse Duncan have tied that ever-loving square knot. . . . And while on the orgy subject of what a young man's fancy turns to—a winsome Wave working where dress white three-cornered pants and stencilled safety-pins are the proper uniform, has vetoed all extra detail duties concerning her and a dove-eyed M.A.A. 1c. . . .

The Pedal boys of transportation threw another party, which could be classified as the whole Lost Week End poured into one Friday night. This affair was unusual in that the potent stuff was disguised as cocktails and punch by that renowned chemist Pharm. F. B. Holland. As the ossification process set in, Odom could be seen clutching two mustard-covered hot dogs while attempting to fill the cracks in the sidewalk with his human epidermal tissue. And a guy named Daley was full of Pep but was seen crawling top side of the path leading away from the Wave Barracks. And there sure were a lot of civilians in the crowd. And we would like to wager that the civvies were impersonated by women representatives of the Armed forces. . . .

How many of you hospital inhabitants know that radio's famous Senator Claghorn practically stole his wit and radical southern patriotism from our own Senator Johnny Rader of the southern end of X-Ray. Johnny confines all his X-Raying to southern exposures. He is a violent enemy of one M. L. Grant HA1c and draws a sword line on Rusty Masson. His best friend is R. L. Dixon HA2c and he eyes Virginia Lee with fiery passion. Senator Rader pitches all his liberties in the town of Richmond and his pajamas are of confederate Gray. . . .

Gray Ladies to be Capped Monday Nite

In an impressive ceremony scheduled at the Officers' Club next Monday the Capping of the Gray Ladies from Oakland, Alameda and Berkeley will take place. Gray ladies' caps are earned only after 24 hours of probationary work in crafts, recreation, library and general Red Cross work. Capt. A. H. Dearing will welcome the ladies and Miss Betty Heath will present the caps. Mrs. Nadean Sager will present the special awards and stripes.

Off the Bookshelf

If you don't feel like reading a book, why not look at pictures. And, of course, your favorite variety will be cartoons. Here are some recent ones that you may enjoy:

Caniff: *Male Call*.

Day: *All Out for the Sack Race!*

d'Alessio: *Welcome Home!*

Day: *I Could Be Dreaming*.

Henle: *Mexico*; 64 photographs.

Hoff: *Mom, I'm Home!*

Petty: *This Petty Pace*.

Webster: *Webster Unabridged*.

Webster: *To Hell With Fishing*; or, *How to Tell Fish From Fishermen*.

Williams: *Born 30 Years Too Soon*.

A new assistant librarian is in our list of what's new in the library. She is Miss Marian McCarthy, formerly librarian at the Naval Special Hospital at Arrowhead Springs, Calif., and also formerly of Farragut, Idaho.

Interesting people about whom the library has new biographies are listed below, together with the author and title of the book:

Cannell, Kathleen.

Jam Yesterday.

A gay, amusing autobiography, dealing with the 1890's, makes enjoyable reading.

Eisenhower, Dwight. *Soldier of Democracy*, by K. S. Davis.

Even if he is an Army man, this is good reading.

Ellington, Edward Kennedy. *Duke Ellington*, by Barry Ulanov.

A famous band leader is the subject of this book.

Kipling, Rudyard. *Rudyard Kipling*, by Hilton Brown.

Previously unpublicized facts

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are brought together in this book about one of the shyest of Br authors.

Louis, Joe. *Joe Louis, American* by Margery Miller.

If you are interested in boxing you will be interested in this biography.

Sand, George. *The Life of a Heart*, by Frances Winwar.

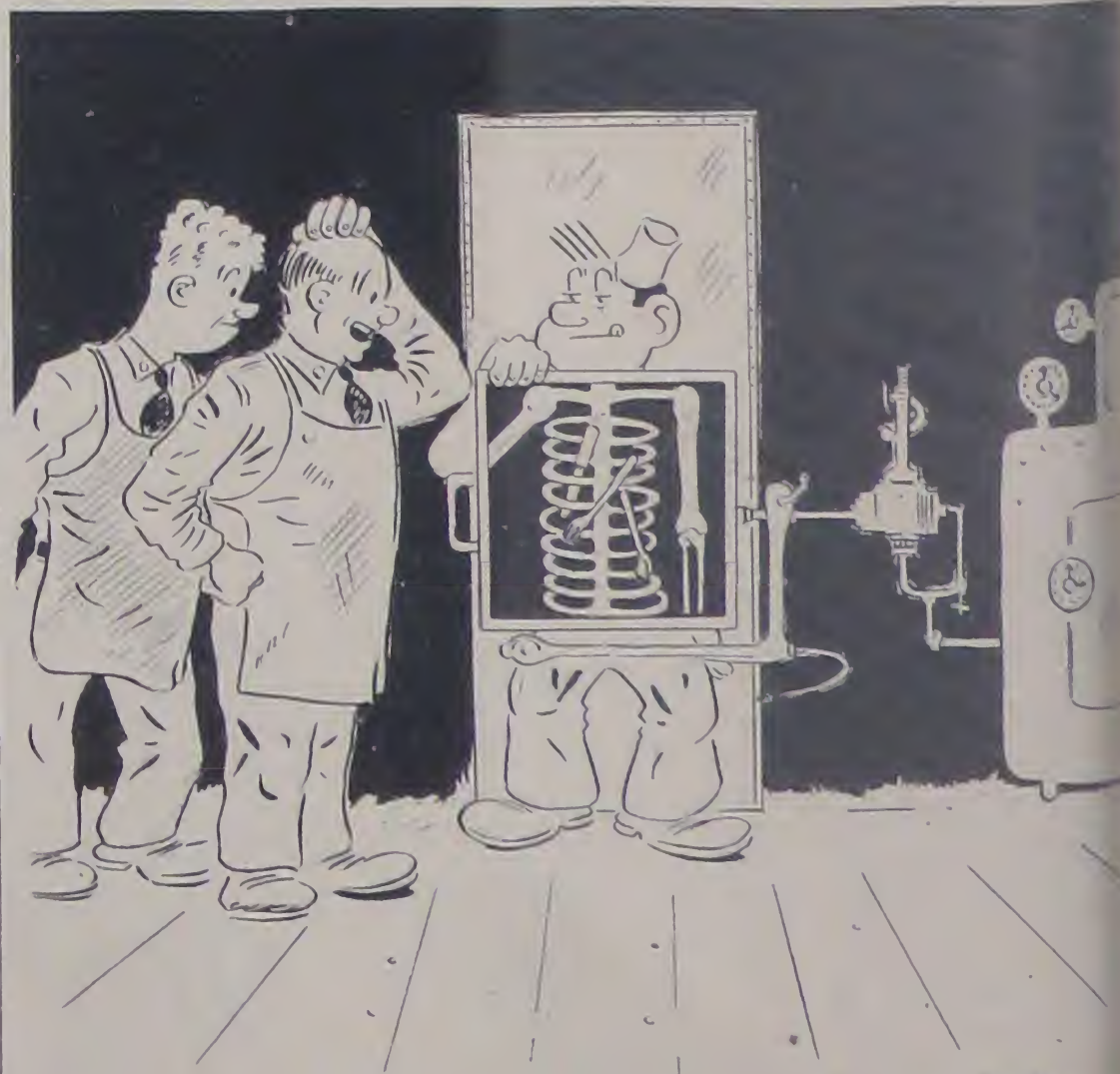
This gives you some of the facts that *Song to Remember* overlooks or distorted.

Santayana, George. *The Middle Span*.

A continuation of the autobiography begun in *Persons and Places* tells more about the famous philosopher and teacher.

MOIPHY

By Penberthy



"IT'S AN UNFORTUNATE CASE. HE TRIED TO EAT CHOW TIME TO MAKE THE 1715 MOVIE."



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CRITICAL POINT SCORES CUT

"Kiss and Tell," Here Thursday

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! all patrons of the arts, the legitimate stage is coming to the footlights of Oak Knoll. The vastly successful and long-run stage production of *Kiss and Tell* will perform before the populace of our hospital on the evening of April fourth.

Kiss and Tell is a risqué comedy farce dealing with the younger set and their entrance into the intricacies of love and marriage. The play builds up to a maze of confusion and humor involving two typical American families.

Written and produced by Frederick H. Herbert, *Kiss and Tell* opened on Broadway three years ago. After a successful sustained run in New York, it traveled the country and recently emerged as a motion picture starring Shirley Temple.

Telephone Center To Offer New Services

Our new and spacious telephone center happily announces some added features and notable conveniences for all users of the telephone—keeping up to date with time and the daily newspapers. A new phone line connects Oak Knoll with the diminished empire of Japan. As yet this new attraction is only one way, that is from Japan to the United States. The toll is twelve dollars for the initial period of three minutes and four dollars for an additional minute. One can call a buddy in Italy or England and a possessor of a French war bride can buzz her on the Champs Elysees for the price of a twelve dollar gift.

To those who wish to confine their phone conversations to the continental limits of the U. S., the telephone center has a reduction for you. No call, no matter how far the distance will cost more than two dollars and fifty cents for the first three minute period. This new monetary inducement is effective after 1800 and all proceeding hours until 0430 on week days and Sundays.

Navy Relief Head Leaves Hospital



Lt. Comdr. A. T. L. Armstrong
ChC (S) USNR

April 1 will find Oak Knoll bidding goodbye to Lt. Comdr. Andrew T. L. Armstrong, Ch.C. (S) USNR. Chaplain Armstrong has headed the Navy Relief Society since last November, when he relieved Mrs. C. W. Nimitz. He leaves us to face the rigors of life as a civilian wearer of the cloth. As yet Chaplain Armstrong has no idea where he will be assigned, but he leaves us with our hearty thanks for a job well done and best wishes for the future.

Lieut. (j.g.) William F. Summers, Ch.C., USNR, will take over as head of Navy Relief upon Chaplain Armstrong's departure.

Post Office Appeals For Correct Addresses

An urgent appeal was voiced this week by the local post office for all persons attached to Oak Knoll to advise their correspondents of their proper mailing address. W. B. Clemens, PhM 2/c, who is in charge of the local directory service, stated that rapid distribution of the mail was being delayed because of the increasing number of improperly addressed letters and packages. Patients are asked to include their ward number in their addresses and staff members should always use the word "Staff."

New Demobilization Schedule To Release More Personnel

In another step toward the completion of its demobilization schedule, the Navy announced new lowerings of critical point scores this week.

A new point drop on May 15 will put the critical score for most enlisted men at 26. Another reduction on June 2 and 15 will result in a new low of 24 and 23, respectively.

For most enlisted Waves the critical score will drop to 18 on June 2 and again on June 15 to 17.

Exceptions.

The rates listed below will have their critical scores changed on May 15 to 28 points. On June 2 and thereafter these rates are eligible for discharge at the regular score for unrestricted male enlisted personnel:

Male Watertenders (except WT(CB)), Machinists Mates (except MM(CB) and MMG), Chief Commissary Stewards, Ship's Cooks, Bakers, Electricians Mates (except EM(CB)), Specialists (C) Classification, Yeoman, Storekeepers (except SK(CB) Stevedore), Specialists (I) Punch Card Accounting Machine Operators, Specialists (X) Transportation, Hospital Corpsmen with specialty physical therapy (PHT) or occupational therapy (OT) and assigned to continental U. S. Naval Hospitals or U. S. Naval Special Hospitals.

More Exceptions

May 15 and thereafter, the following rates are eligible for discharge at the critical score for unrestricted male enlisted personnel: Male Storekeepers (CB) Stevedore, Watertenders (CB), Machinists Mates (CB), Machinists Mates Gas, and Electricians Mates (CB).

Female Yeomen, Storekeepers, Specialists (I) Punch Card Accounting Machine Operators get a point drop on May 15 when their score goes to 19. June 2 and thereafter the above rates will be eligible for discharge at the score for unrestricted female enlisted personnel.

Officers.

Commissioned and warrant officers (except officers classified MC and Naval aviators in a flight status) will have their critical scores at 34 on May 15. Two fur-

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New USO Show Comes April 2nd

USO Camp Shows, the largest theatrical enterprise in the world will present one of its very finest entertainment groups on stage at Oak Knoll's auditorium on April 2nd and 3rd. In conjunction with the department of Welfare and Recreation whose policy is to give the hospital's boarders the best in wine, women and song, "All's Well" will produce an array of lovely ladies and comic males, that invites all eyes and ears to participate.

Leading the parade of featured entertainers will be the sparkling comedy team of Ullis and Clark. This rip-roaring salute to laughter has played all the major theatre circuits in the country and climaxed their ever-growing success before the cameras of the Warner Bros. picture establishment.

Fortunello and Cirilino joined "All's Well" after receiving the applause of the patrons of such famous entertainment centers as New York's Radio City Music Hall and the Paramount Theatre on Times Square. This acrobatic and comedy pantomime team has also performed on the stages of Italy, France and England.

Morton Arken, a drummin' man of no small proportions, is an ex-Navy man with fifteen combat stars for service in the Pacific campaigns. Just released from active duty, Mr. Arken has been beating the skins for Navy bands since 1942.

Rounding up this all-star show of six riotous acts are Lynn Lestie, a singer of torrid torch ballads and a chorus line of six shapely lasses.

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• Semper Fidelis Works Both Ways

The United States Marine Corps, after 170 years of valiant service to its country, was startled and understandably distressed last month to find itself under savage attack on the ground that it had grossly violated the very essence of the Corps motto—that it had been faithless to its trust.

On the basis of a report that a Marine detachment in China had pumped two dozen mortar shells into a small village as the aftermath of the murder of a Marine, some elements of the press, bustling with prim indignation, screamed that the Marines in China had turned out to be a bunch of butchers. Clucking with ruffled righteousness, they even wanted to know where the United States got off, condemning General Yamashita, "tiger of Malaya," to hand while it nursed the Marine Corps to its bosom.

There was no disposition to wait and see what additional facts might turn up. It was clear, to these editorial sad sacks, that the Marine Corps was no longer to be trusted, and they said as much to their public.

The incident itself, when the facts were finally unearthed, was hardly worth reporting in the first place. But the face put upon it, whether through inept reporting, the half-cocked judgment of editors, or deliberate fraudulent intent, was another matter entirely.

A Naval Board of Inquiry established the rather significant facts that: (a) the mortar shells had fallen, by deliberate calculation on the part of the Marines, outside the village, and that consequently, (b) there were no casualties, major or minor, while property damage was limited to two broken window panes.

Until such time as the Marine Corps discredits itself—which it is not likely to do—the people should stand ready to challenge any aspersion upon the Corps and to demand at once that the critic produce all the facts. The people owe this to themselves as well as to the Corps. The esprit of the Corps is invisible to the eye, but there are men who saw it on a hundred beachheads in the Pacific who will tell you it is the palpable force that not only wins battles but insures the security of the Nation. The spirit of the Corps is armored against almost any kind of weapon, but it is not proof against ingratitude. The returning Marine doesn't give a damn about riding through a blizzard of ticker tape and torn phone books; the Marine still at his post 6000 miles from his home shores doesn't have to hear his praises sung every Sunday to keep his spirits up.

But tell a Marine he's failed his Corps and his country, and you tear the heart out of him. America is not yet so secure she can afford to let that happen.

The honor of the United States Marine Corps is one of this Nation's most priceless possessions. Every American should be ready to defend it at the drop of a hat—or a phony press statement.

• Movie Etiquette

One of the finest recreational diversions at Oak Knoll is the movie program presented for the enjoyment of all personnel. The best and newest films are exhibited nightly. However, the likes and dislikes of the individual are varying and assorted. Common decency prevents the intelligent man from causing any detraction or disturbance when a show is not to his liking. Let's "knock off" all those subversive annoyances when a movie is, in your eyes, a dud.

Medical Society Meets Here



Captain A. H. Dearing, Medical Officer in Command, welcomed members of the Alameda Medical Society to Oak Knoll March 18 when the Society held its monthly meeting at the Officers' Club. Left to right: Captain Dearing, Dr. Douglas D. Stafford, Dr. Warren Allen, President of the Society, Dr. Theodore Lawson, Vice-President, and Dr. W. Donald.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

The Good Thief

Dismas was the original Good Thief. Living, he laughed at the unwary; dying, he smiled because the joke had been on him. He began life snatching pennies; he ended up stealing the Heart of Christ. "Lord, remember me when Thou shalt come into Thy kingdom," he said—and Christ canonized him then and there: "This day thou shalt be with me in Paradise." Probably a look from Mary did his cause no harm, but the Bible does not say. In fact, the Bible even omits his name.

Catholic tradition imitates the Bible in saying little about Dismas. The Saint's obscurity always bothered one of his strongest boosters, a chap named Dempster MacMurphy. Dempster managed business for the Chicago Daily News until his death five years ago. MacMurphy always maintained that the hoodlum Saint deserved warmer friends.

When MacMurphy died, however, Dismas stole his tombstone. It happened in this way. Mac had a friend named Tibby Serritella who ran a newsstand in the Loop.

Tibby wanted to do something for his old pal—but something that would tell him to forget about plaques and monuments and to do something Mac would really like.

So Tibby left his papers one morning and paid a call on the MacMurphy Post of the American Legion. Thus rose the St. Dismas fund.

The Dismas fund never exceeds five hundred dollars, and always knocks some poor family in the Loop for a loop. They never expect it and they always need it. Limiting the fund insures its revival every year.

So the Highwayman of Calvary Road begins to gain recognition—even if it does cost his old booster a tombstone—and today even a movie features his story. MacMurphy used to say that Dismas "Still roams the outfield of Eternity making shoestring catches of souls." You can bet your bottom dollar that if Dismas is still making restitution after two thousand years, there is nothing he ever forgets—not even his name long since your last confession.

FATHER JOHN PATRICK GRIFFIN

Pre-Easter Divine Services

PROTESTANT

Services daily except Saturday 1215-1250 in the Ship Service Auditorium.

CATHOLIC

Special Devotions in the Large Chapel.

Tuesday, 1830—Novena and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Wednesday, 1630—Mass, Sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Friday, 1630—Mass, Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Mask and Dagger Drama Society Provides Music and Merriment on Oak Knoll Stage



"What's It To You?" a University of California comedy presentation was the entertainment highlight of the week at Oak Knoll. Left above, the mixed chorus introduces the hilarious show. Right, Tempe Allison and John Castello dance gracefully through the Mardi Gras scene.

Red Cross Gray Ladies Handle Various Requests of Patients

The familiar old saying of "everything from soup to nuts" is most appropriate to describe the list of requests made to the Gray Ladies, as one realizes when looking through the Red Cross Order Book. Along the soup line, we have received requests for salami, rye bread, cheese, fried oysters, and shrimp. Tired of Navy java, one of the patients recently asked the Gray Lady to buy him a small percolator and a pound of coffee. Among the requests for one day, we find crepe paper, bobby pins, variegated crochet cotton, alligator skin, a Bible, and a hand drill and pin vise. (Guess this patient hadn't heard about the hole in the fence at the bottom of the hill.) In the field of literature, the range of reading matter has been terrific: Questions and Answers on Federal Communications Commission, an examination on education written by Dewey, Forever Amber, books on ballistics, nautical almanacs, the Bible, books on card tricks and fortune telling, and books on hobbies. One of the unusual requests was that made for blue angora yarn for a baby set. Always ready in any emergency, or should we say disaster, the Red Cross Gray Lady office recently rushed to the rescue of one of the patients who was expecting the arrival of his girl friend on the afternoon train. Not only did these women meet the train, but they also stopped at the jewelry store, paid the final payment on the engagement ring, and returned to the office to present the patient with both the ring and the girl. Yes, if there is any-

thing you need, or have a particular craving for, just tell the Red Cross Gray Ladies, who will be glad to answer any possible requests.

Ward Entertainment

"The fact that she plays the accordion well is beside the point," said a man on 49A. "Just that smile is enough" said another fellow on 41A. The unanimous opinion was that Miss Ruth Dennis is the best thing that has happened to the wards on the 40 ramp in many a moon. Miss Dennis has been in U.S.O. shows for a long time, having done the E.T.O. with the Bob Hope group and the C.B.I. with Ann Sheridan's show. This diminutive lady (and her smile and her accordion) are sponsored by the Elk's War Commission of California. Mr. Burgess and Mr. Brown of the Berkeley Elks Club were on the compound to help Red Cross welcome Miss Dennis when she arrived from Camp Shoemaker. From everyone who saw her and heard her play, thanks to the Elks.

The Mask and Dagger honor drama society of the University of California presented a dynamic laff-infested musical revue at Ship's Service Auditorium last Friday night. The group, directed by Elizabeth Berryhill, an active member of the society in her student days, had given four performances at Wheeler Auditorium on the University campus and one at Dante Hospital, an extension of Letterman Army Hospital.

This particular revue was presented to support the War Memorial Fund, a scholarship created in honor of four members of the Mask and Dagger Society killed in action.

The best stage show ever to be offered at Oak Knoll was the general opinion of all who crowded the auditorium. Outstanding numbers in the performance were the Mardi Gras scene, a dance interpretation, and Madame Fifi's Gown Salon, in which concoctions of clothes were distributed upon an attractive group of girls, who later came into the audience to distribute themselves among the handsome (the lights were low) group.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, J. A. Talley, A. T. L. Armstrong, W. F. Summers.
 Sunday—
 Morning Service 1000
 Communion Service 1100
 Evening Vespers 1930
 Weekday—
 Morning Devotions 0730
 Vesper Service 1600
 Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
 Choir—Tuesday & Thursday, 1400-1500.
 Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Christian Science:

Wartime minister will be at the reception office in the Chapel every Tuesday at 1400 to 1600.

L. D. S. (Mormon):

Services 1930 Thursday.

Catholic:

Chaplains—Nicholas F. Gruber, J. P. Griffin.
 Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130.
 Saturday Mass—0800 and 1630.
 Weekday Mass—0800 and 1630.
 Confessions before all Masses.
 Novena and Benediction, 1830 Tuesday.
 Catholic Chaplain's offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Jewish:

Divine Service—2000 Friday, conducted by Mr. Bernard Miran.
 The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1900 to 2000 on Fridays.

Social Security Benefits Asked

(SEA)—When you return to civilian life, are you automatically entitled to social security rights if they lapsed while you were in the service?

The answer is "No."

But if Congress heeds recommendations of the Social Security Board and the complaints of veterans, the answer may be in the affirmative. The House Ways and Means Committee is now considering revisions to the Social Security Act, 1935, which would provide coverage for the veteran from the time he left civilian life to the day he returns to it—if he was covered when he entered the service.

As the act now stands, you lose all benefit rights when your social security coverage lapses. It may or may not lapse while you're in the service, depending on the length of time you actually were covered as a civilian.

Here's the way it goes. You are insured if you have worked approximately half the time between the beginning of the social security program on 1 Jan. 1937 (or your 21st birthday) and the date you reach 65 or die.

Also, when you have worked 40 quarters (an aggregate of 10 years), you are considered fully insured for life. However, since the act didn't become effective until 1937, nobody has yet qualified on this basis.

The important provision, so far as veterans are concerned, is that they are still covered if they held a job coming under social security at least half the time between 1937 (or their 21st birthday) and the present.

In other words, let's suppose you worked on a "covered" job for six years, beginning in 1937. Then, in 1943, you entered the Navy. Since you've been in the service (which is not covered by social security) for three years, as against the six you worked as a "covered" civilian, you're still covered—and will be for the next three years.

Another point to remember is that, contrary to general impression, you don't lose your previous social security account even if you're no longer covered. When you return to a civilian job covered by the act, you will, in effect, be reinstated.

The hitch is this: If you die in the meantime, your survivors will have no legal claim to benefits. Plugging this gap is one of the main purposes of the amending legislation now under study by Congress.

Officers Reporting . . .

Lieut. (jg) Raymond Arnold.

Officers Detached . . .

Lieut. (jg) Michael V. Gualtieri (MC), USNR; Pharm. Chester Dombrowski, USN; Lieut. Lester M. Murphy (HC), USN.

Educational Services Offer Pre-Vocational Training



Lt. (jg) Paul J. Smith and CCM C. O. Robison look on as Pfc. R. W. Nolan turns a table leg in the Educational Services workshop.

Tree of Knowledge Blossoms In Ed. Services Classrooms

As that great humanitarian and Pulitzer prize winning philosopher once said, when asked to address the assembly of the Magi, "We mortals can lose our wealth, and our women may seek greener pastures, but knowledge will never stray from those who possess and cherish it." Oak Knoll applies its medical teachings and skill to the body and offers its pool of education to the mind.

Embodying the ideas of the learned philosopher, our hospital provides an education services unit, available to all students of the books and solicitors of information. All of Oak Knoll's educational desires are handled by ten enlisted and eight officer personnel and supervised by Lieut. Blanche H. Hurd (W), USNR. Knowledge is administered and injected top-side of Marine Detachment, forward of the Blood Bank and starboard of the Legal Office in Building 133.

Educational Services is a rehabilitation program and its main function is to prepare the service man for his approaching role as a civilian. Educational officers interview all medical discharges and help the eligible civilian choose a vocation. Physical disabilities may prevent a man from continuing his pre-induction job or profession, so it becomes the duty of the educational department to introduce him to vocations in which his efforts are not handicapped by his injury. To aid the veteran, an up-to-date file of jobs of all types and locations in every city and hamlet in the country is maintained by this department. A patient being discharged with medical advice to settle in a dry climate would re-



Lt. Blanche W. Hurd (W) USNR, officer in charge of Educational Services, oversees the widespread diversifications of her department.

ceive suggestions from Lieut. (j.g.) Carol Gawthrop (W), USNR, on where his best job opportunities could be found.

The feature attraction and most patronized field of educational endeavor is the procurement of credits, both high school and university. The patient, seeing his convalescent hours idle by, grasps the opportunity presented him by this service, and takes steps toward completing his schooling.

Lieut. (j. g.) Margaret Stanton (W), USNR, smiles gratefully when an application for a correspondence course or a request for an Education Manual reaches her desk. The program of availing Oak Knoll with added schooling credits is carried to the side of the patient who has his activities limited to his sack and the immediate surroundings. Each day a group of educational apostles aid

the bed patient in problems of high school English or the needed information of the silver dollar Washington flung across the Delaware. When all questions are answered in these educational courses, a final test is given. This examination is recognized by all publicly endowed schools and grades are forwarded to the U. S. Armed Forces Institute, which operates in the capacity of a clearing house and sends the accepted courses to the school specified by the test taker. Since the inauguration of 1946, twenty-five residents of Oak Knoll have completed enough work to receive high school diplomas.

Educational Services holds forth in the best scholastic manner with two daily accredited classes of typewriting and various teachings in radio. Y3c Christina Kamaras instructs in the art of the alphabetical keys. Requirements for class is a knowledge of the twenty-six letters comprising the English alphabet and concerted efforts at manual dexterity. Under the tutelage of Miss Kamaras, the skill of the push-keys will soon be a vocational achievement. Graduates of the mechanical letter machine include men with use of only two or three digits.

Oak Knoll's knowledge center dusts off its welcome mat every morning and invites all to take the plunge into the pool of education and participate in the benefits of teaching. A daily class is held in radio maintenance under the guidance of Rmlc O. Bacon which specializes in earphones to fit all shapes and molds of the cranium. Another group is taught the intricate dealings of mechanical drawings under the T-square leadership of Lieut. (j. g.) Paul J. Smith (D), USNR. Chief Carpenter's Mate O. Robison conducts cacophonous sessions of instruction

that go to make up a well-equipped carpentry shop.

But to many men and women who come to Education for guidance, the most important phase of its work is the determination of the potentialities of a patient and the proper choice of a future occupation. By means of various psychological tests a man is advised and channeled into the field of endeavor for which he is best suited.



Radioman 1c O. H. Bacon supervises three patients in the delicate craft of radio repair.

Junkman: "Any old beer bottles?"

Aged Spinster: "Do I look as if I drink beer?"

Junkman: "Sorry, lady—any old vinegar bottles to sell?"

She was the belle of the town until someone tolled on her.

Do you approve of tight skirts?

No. I think women should leave liquor alone.

The one who thinks our jokes are poor,

Would straightaway change his views,

Could he compare the ones we print,

With those we couldn't use.



Y2c Betty Johnson and Y3c Christina Kamaras (standing) instruct patients in the art of typing. Classes are held both mornings and afternoons for all interested patients.

Mr. Canavan Guides Civilian Personnel

The duties of Staff Personnel and Patient Personnel are fairly familiar to most residents of Oak Knoll; however, few of the hospital's laymen know the functions and activities of a department called Civilian Personnel. What goes on in the Civilian Personnel unit of our hospital should concern every military man or woman who has future ambitions of re-entering the land of the pin-striped suit and the evening dress. Any time your name appears on a company payroll or an elevation to a higher position comes your way, a civilian personnel office is responsible.

The hub for all civilian activities is a large office just off the ramp leading to the Administration



Ch. Pharm. William Canavan, USN

Building. Supervising the 680 non-military workers at Oak Knoll is Chief Pharm. William Canavan, USN. Aided and abetted by Mrs. B. Jones and her typewriting six, Mr. Canavan performs the duties of administration and guidance of Oak Knoll's civilian crew. Mr. Canavan conforms to the regulations and the policies dictated by the U. S. Civil Service Commission and the Office of Industrial Relations.

All types of civilian employee records are handled by Civilian Personnel. Payrolls and various allotments constitutes much of the labors of Canavan's cohorts. Shop efficiency ratings, which are similar to the nurse's quarterly proficiency report to Staff Personnel, are also a part of the routine duties of Civilian Personnel. A worker may have a suggestion which would be beneficial to the government or a grievance against Civil Service, all these human expressions find their way to Civilian Personnel, which in reality is Chief Pharm. Canavan and his seven Snow Whites.

Overhead on a Street Car:
I was so embarrassed! My little girl got the hiccoughs during "The Last Weekend."

Administration Waives Premiums Of Disabled Vets

The Veterans Administration has granted more than 360,000 waivers of premiums on National Service Life Insurance policies on account of the total disability of policy holders, VA disclosed today.

All NSLI policies, VA officials pointed out, provide for waiver of payment of premiums during "continuous disability of the insured for six or more consecutive months."

During the six months ending December 31, 1945, VA received more claims for waiver of premiums because of disability than it had received during the entire preceding four and a half year period that NSLI had been issued. Since July, 1945, more than 200,000 premium-waiver cases have been examined by technical experts to determine validity of the claims.

Once the claim is approved, officials said, immediate steps are taken to refund to the insured all premiums he may have paid since his disability was incurred. Of the 40,000 to 50,000 checks for such refunds mailed each month, as high as 7,000 have been returned to VA because the address given by the veteran was incomplete or of a very temporary nature.

VA officials urge that veterans submit with claims a permanent address so that they may be certain of delivery of the money due them.

Two Wave Officers Extend Enlistments

Taking advantage of a recent Navy directive whereby Wave officers may extend their tour of duty until July, 1947, two of Oak Knoll's commissioned sailorettes have already shipped over. They are Ensign Lucille J. Depler, H(W), U.S.N.R., and Ensign Louisa J. Clark, H(W) U.S.N.R., both of Oak Knoll's Physical Therapy department.

Though their homes are in different parts of the country, both Miss Clark and Miss Depler reported for duty at Oak Knoll on the same day, April 27, 1945.

At the present time Miss Clark is in charge of the exercise room of the Physical Therapy department and Miss Depler is in charge of ward Physical Therapy on the peripheral nerve wards.

The dispatch from the Secretary of the Navy stated that Wave officers were not to be shipped overseas at the present time. It is expected that a determination of the place of women in the peacetime Navy can be made prior to July 1, 1947.

Why does a little duck walk softly?
'Cause he can't walk . . . hardly.

Dinner Party for Admiral Laning

Staff officers of Oak Knoll will honor Rear Admiral Richard Laning (MC), USN, at a farewell cocktail and dinner party to be held in the Officers' Club on Friday, March 29, at 1800. Admiral Laning, 12th Naval District medical officer-in-charge, will go on terminal leave April 1st, prior to his retirement after 34 years of Naval service.

Rear Admiral Laning served as a medical officer on the U. S. S. South Carolina during World War I, and has, since that time, seen duty in the Pacific operations during World War II as senior medical officer on the U. S. S. Lexington and the U. S. S. Oklahoma.

Before coming to this district for duty, he was medical officer for the First and Third Naval Districts.

Civilian MAA's Used To Protect Property

Citizens of Oak Knoll, you and your property have been given added protection in the form of nine civilian law enforcers. These gentlemen of security functions patrol the compound from 1500 until 0700 each day.

The recognition of our added protectorates is the wire enclosed punch clock which he wears slung over his shoulder. His uniform is of Army brown and his cap is of busman's proportions. He is a government employee under the civil service program which has greatly augmented the working personnel of the hospital.

The tedious duties of these civilian saviors is to guard Oak Knoll from any misconducts and to insure the security of all phases of the hospital. These are the men who force the bolts on doors and report their findings if a door that should be, isn't. They are the watchmen who stand compound guard duty while the Naval personnel slumbers or are paying a visit to the surrounding civilian establishments in the nearby communities.

Our Red Cross Campaign Success at Halfway Mark

Our sincere appreciation goes to all who have helped to make the Red Cross fund campaign here at Oak Knoll hospital a great success. It was announced this week that over \$1,000 was raised here between March 1st and 15th, which is indeed a fine record. The national drive will continue throughout this month, so donations can still be made at the Security Office on second deck of Building One.

Girl elevator operator alone in the car with a sailor:

"Going up . . . anybody else going up? . . . Please will somebody go up?"

Our Doctor

This week the Oak Leaf spotlight falls upon Comdr. Jack D. Moore (MC), USN, chief of Orthopedic Surgery. Dr. Moore began his Naval career as a Lt. (jg) in April, 1941, shortly after completing his internship at Mountain-side Hospital, Montclair, N. Y. He received his medical education at Temple Medical School in Philadelphia and received his M. D. in 1940.

The first Naval assignment for Dr. Moore brought him to the West Coast for duty on the cruiser Helena which was being outfitted at Mare Island. In September, 1941, the work on his ship was completed and soon got under way for Pearl Harbor. Prior to this, however, Dr. Moore decided that he would like to make the Navy a



Comdr. J. D. Moore, (MC) USN

career and took and successfully passed the examination for admission to the Medical Corps of the regular Navy. December 7 of that fateful year 1941 found Dr. Moore still aboard the cruiser at Pearl Harbor. He later went to Guadalcanal and eventually to Mobile Hospital Unit No. 5 at New Caledonia. He was also Assistant Sanitation Officer while he was there.

Oak Knoll first saw Comdr. Moore in November, 1943. Six weeks later, however, he was transferred to Vallejo. In March, 1944, he was sent to San Diego for six months' general surgery school. Upon completion of the school he went to the Mediterranean theater to serve with the 10th Amphibious Group. When the war was over in Europe the 10th Amphibious Group was transferred to Coronado and changed to group No. 6. With the end of the Pacific war his group was inactivated and he was sent to Oak Knoll.

When asked if he had any hobbies Dr. Moore replied that he and his wife shared the same special interest—their six-months-old daughter.

Grandma, looking at her granddaughter's bathing suit: "If I could have dressed like that when I was a girl, you'd be six years older today, Mary."

Men of Mock Manicure and Maintain Oak Knoll



PhM2c Francis G. Marsh, extreme right, of O.M.A.A. staff, and a working detail prepare to sweep the area near the Administration Building. Every building on the compound, from A—the Administration Building, to Z—the swimming pool, has its daily contingent of O.M.A.A. men. They police the entire compound daily. Included in this policing is the collection and disposal of all trash and salvage. Two trucks are constantly in operation picking up trash and delivering it to the incinerator to be burned.

On Friday as many as one thousand men are assigned by the O.M.A.A. to the huge task of washing Oak Knoll's face and making it presentable for Captain's Inspection on Saturday.

Under the new set-up all ward inside details are included in the O.M.A.A. program. Men working on these details are responsible to the ward M.A.A. who in turn checks them in with the O.M.A.A.



Chief Pharmacist's Mate L. A. Mock assigns patient SC3c R. J. Doan of Ward 42A to a detail.

Each and every day from six to seven hundred men log in with Chief Mock to be assigned to one of the many details handled by the Outside Master-at-Arms office. The former A-5 set-up has been reorganized so that it now includes all ambulatory patients. In return for every night liberty, each man works on outside detail for half a day. An integral part of Oak Knoll's large rehabilitation program, its jobs and details are assigned to fit the disability of the patient. Primary motive of the program is to keep the patient busy and take his mind off his medical troubles.

Departments and activities which

require details of men phone their request to Chief Mock each morning and he assigns them from the men who muster between 0800 and 0900 each day. Failure to appear for a detail results in a five day restriction. The Outside Master-at-Arms office, part of the M.A.A. force of Oak Knoll, is under the jurisdiction of Chief Pharmacist F. H. Lohrman, U.S.N., assistant Provost Marshal.

In addition to the half day's work on outside detail, patients are required to take part in the activities of Occupational or Physical Therapy, Physical Training or Educational Services. In a few cases patients who require Physical Therapy treatments twice daily are exempted from working on outside detail.

Working hours are from 0900 until 1130 each morning and from 1300 until 1530 in the afternoon. Liberty for outside detail men begins at 1530 every afternoon and expires at 0730 the following morning.

After logging and assigning his men, Chief Mock constantly travels about the compound, checking to see that the work is being done properly.

The bachelor's a cagey guy,
And has a lot of fun:
He sizes all the cuties up,
And never Mrs. one.

Chief Thomas Johnsey, head of the A-5 carpenter shop, supervising the construction of a quonset hut by a detail of men from O.M.A.A. In addition to the hundreds of men assigned to police details, O.M.A.A. has technicians working in such places as the blood bank, the pay office, patient personnel, the chaplain's office, ship's service and public works. There are electricians, engineers, maintenance men and a salvage crew. Almost every activity at Oak Knoll has a detail of men from O.M.A.A. who assist the regular staff of that activity. These details are usually of a permanent nature as opposed to the police details which are re-assigned every day. Inside details check in at the O.M.A.A. shack every morning and have their work cards pulled.

In addition to the hut being erected in the picture the men of the A-5 carpenter shop have constructed two other huts near Transportation which are being used for Motor Machinists' School.

O.M.A.A. men are assigned to aid the civilian workmen of public works on most of the building and maintenance work done on the compound. This enables many patients to keep in touch with the trade they followed in civilian life.



PhM3c F. A. Wilbur, HA1c Glen Freedman, PhM3c Richard L. McKay and PhM3c George Nester of O.M.A.A. staff, sort liberty cards.

Always busy, the staff of the Outside Master-at-Arms shack, has had more work added to their daily grind recently by the new reorganization of the A-5 program. Several hundred new men are now included in it. Primary duty of O.M.A.A. staff is the mustering of details and the issuing of liberty cards to the several hundred men who rate every night liberty. Also included on the staff are seven drivers and assistant drivers who chauffeur the trash and salvage trucks.

Women aren't much, but they
are the best other sex we have.

A girl's promise to be on time
carries a lot of wait.

The Sporting Scene

Soft Ballers Drop Game to Treasure Isle

In a tight game played Friday afternoon, March 22, on the station softball diamond, the Treasure Island nine eked out a 3 to 1 decision over Oak Knoll. The game was close all the way, the deciding factor being the inability of the Oakies to hit in the clutch. Several times the tying and winning runs were left stranded on the bags. Gilberg pitched a good ball game for Oak Knoll, holding the Pirates to six hits. Welch rapped out two for three to lead the hitters. The battery for Oak Knoll was Gilberg and Jones.

Discharges have cut into the personnel of the team and several players are needed, particularly in the catching department. Anyone interested can contact Bob Jones either at Welfare and Recreation or the Driving Range.

Women's Spring Sports to Get Underway Soon

Formation of a Women's Compound Softball League has been announced by Lieut. Beth Hack (W), USNR, head of women's athletics at Oak Knoll. Play will start the week of April 15th. In addition to Port and Starboard teams, to be fielded by the Waves, entries from the nurses, the Red Cross and the compound civilians will participate in the league. Practice sessions have started and a round robin schedule will be drawn up. A trophy will be awarded to the winning team.

Later in the season a picked team of Waves will participate in the District meet.

Miss Hack has also released information that women's golf and tennis tournaments will be held in the near future. Information on these will be posted as soon as available.

Treasure Island To Compete In National Sports

Although the war's end has brought curtailment of the sports programs of most Bay Area Army and Navy bases, announcement was made today by Commodore R. W. Cary, U.S.N., commanding officer of the U. S. Naval Training and Distribution Center, Treasure Island, that the Naval Base on the site of the old Golden Gate Exposition will develop top-notch teams in all sports for the peacetime era.

Practically out of the local sports picture during the war due to constant shifting of personnel, Treasure Island will now enter into college and service club competition in basketball, baseball, swimming, tennis and possibly football.

Although the "Island" has for the past two years had a well-developed intra-mural athletic program, outside competition was held to a minimum. Games by the various intra-mural outfits with other Bay Area activities were not forbidden, but no attempt was made to develop a single, strong Treasure Island team in any sport except baseball.

With official assurance that the war-born Naval base will remain as a permanent establishment, Commodore Cary said a new athletic policy has been developed, and teams representing the gigantic activity will be chosen from the stand-out players on the individual intra-mural squads on the base.

Commodore Cary, a former coach of crack West Coast Navy teams during the late twenties, could not at this time make any definite promises in regard to a football team for the coming season. He did say, however, that every effort would be made to field some sort of a grid squad this fall, in spite of the fact that most college schedules have already been filled. With a planned permanent population of around 20,000 officers and men on Treasure Island, it is expected that any team representing the Naval base will be one of the crack outfits in Northern California.

Off the Bookshelf

South of the Border, down Mexico way—a subject of interest to those planning to visit the siesta-time country for a vacation or in Navy language, a leave. Of the selections to be found in the library the following were chosen for their general appeal.

Dane Chandos: *Village in the Sun*. A book about Ajijic on Lake Chapala. The author draws a delightful picture of the simple, friendly folk who live in this village of the sun.

Nancy Johnstone: *Sombreros Are Becoming*. A wittily written account of the author's trip from Nazi-ridden Europe to Mexico.

Stuart Chase: *Mexico*. A comparison of the two civilizations, one based on handicraft, the other on the machine. This contains a variety of data on Mexican Indian life.

Anita Brenner: *Your Mexican Holiday*. A recommended guidebook giving rail, water, air, land routes, suggestions for trips, honeymoon places, fiestas, information of all kinds for prospective travelers.

Arthemise Goertz: *South of the Border*. An entertaining mixture of fiction and travel giving the reader an insight of the Mexican character and life.

Erna Fergusson: *Fiesta in Mexico*. An enthusiastic book of fiestas, national and folk dances, social life and customs.

Bess Adams Gerner: *Mexico—Notes on the Margin*. Written by the originator of the Mexican Players of Padua Hills who realized that the knowledge of the vivid folk background of our Mexican neighbors was necessary for a new understanding between the countries.

D. H. Lawrence: *Mornings in Mexico*. Essays by the well known author.

Alan Moody: *Sleep in the Sun*. A fictionalized account of the adventures of José and Mamá Chula in our modern world; locale is in the San Fernando valley.

Frederick Becholdt: *Danger on the Border*. High adventure and romance on the Rio Grande. This is a western novel.

NEW POOL HOURS

1300-1500 — Convalescent Training.

1500-1700—Officers and Guests.

Movie Schedule

Sat. 30 March, *Roughly Speaking*, Rosiland Russell, Jack Carson.

Sun. 31 March, *Tangier*, Maria Montez, Preston Foster.

Mon. 1 April, *A Song to Remember*, Paul Muni, Merle Oberon.

Tues. 2 April, *Dragonwyck*, Gene Tierney, Vincent Price. Stage Show, *All's Well*.

Wed. 3 April, *Swing Parade*, Gale Storm, Phil Regan.

Thurs. 4 April, *House of Horrors*, Kent Taylor, Virginia Grey. Stage play, *Kiss and Tell*.

Fri. 5 April, *Blue Dahlia*, Alan Ladd, Veronica Lake.

Sat. 6 April, *Wonder Man*, Danny Kaye, Virginia Mayo.

BOWLING

There is still room for several more entries in the new bowling leagues now being formed. Interested persons contact Jack Bohm at the Bowling Alley.

More on Demobilization

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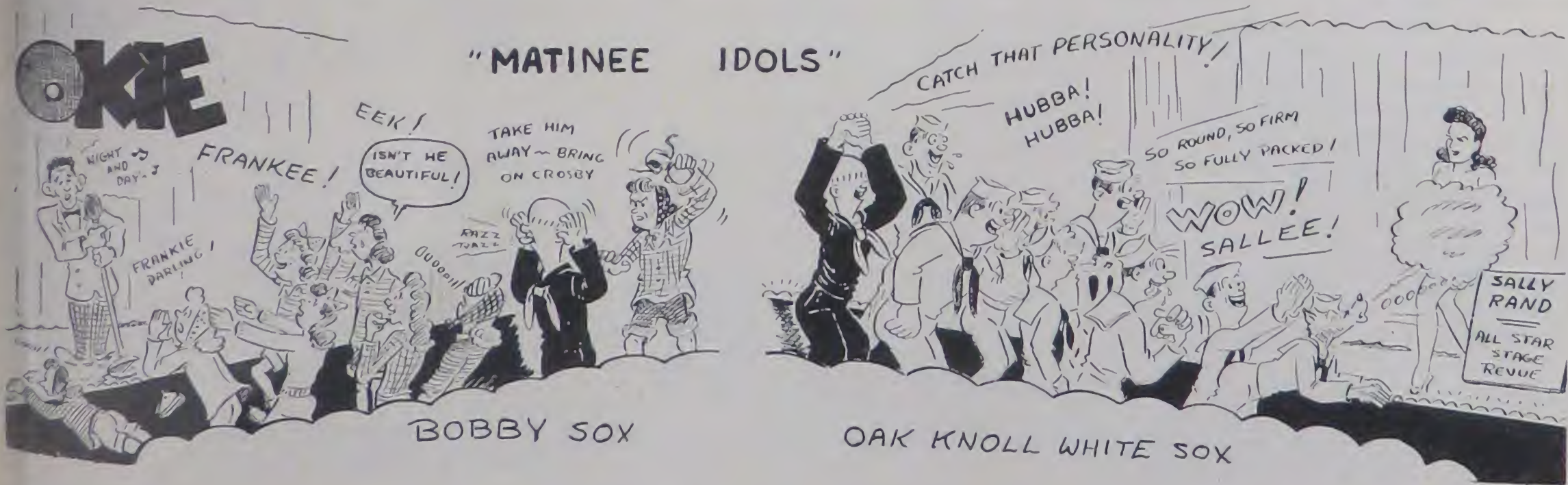
ther changes on June 2 and June 15 will put their score at 32 and 30, respectively.

Critical scores on May 15 for officers classified MC will be 42. June 2 another lowering will place it at 40. Then on June 15 the score goes to 39.

Female Officers.

Nurses get a score of 24 on May 15 and another on June 2 will change this to 23.

May 15 the critical score for female officers drops to 24 and to 23 on June 2. Another drop on June 15 puts the score at 22.



REVISED RATING REQUIREMENTS LISTED

Modification of the service and marks required for advancement in rating has been effected (as indicated in table below) according to ALNAV 113, dated 7 March, 1946. These changes have been effective since 10 March, 1946.

Rating	Service Requirements Present Pay Grade	Marks Requirements	
		Proficiency in Rating	Conduct
Pay Grade 6	No specified time.	None.	None.
Pay Grade 5	3 mos. in pay grade 6.	Above 3.0 for 3 mos.	No mark less than 3.5 for 3 mos.
Pay Grade 4	4 mos. in pay grade 5.	No marks less than 3.5 for 3 mos. preceding advancement.	No mark less than 3.0 and an average of not less than 3.5 for 6 mos.
Pay Grade 3	9 mos. in pay grade 4.	No mark less than 3.0 and an average of not less than 3.5 for 6 mos.	No mark less than 3.0 and an average of not less than 3.5 for 12 mos.
Pay Grade 2	12 mos. in pay grade 3 —36 mos. total service. 6 mos. sea duty in pay grades 3 or 4.	No mark less than 3.0 and an average of not less than 3.5 for 9 mos.	No mark less than 3.0 and an average of not less than 3.5 for 12 mos.
Pay Grade 1-A	36 mos. in pay grade 2. Sea duty of at least 12 mos. in pay grade 2.	No mark less than 3.0 and an average of not less than 3.5 for 24 mos. preceding advancement.	No mark less than 3.0 and an average of not less than 3.5 for 2 yrs. preceding advancement.
Pay Grade 1	12 mos. sea service in pay grade 1-A.	As prescribed by Art. 5111 BuPers Manual and BuPers C. L. 11-42.	

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Oakland 14, California
To

Scuttlebutt

There was a little Wave, who had a little curl,
Right in the middle of her forehead.
When she was good, she was very, very good,
But when she was bad she was—
Torrid. . .

The inhabitants of 35A would like some kindly women representative to inform them as to just why that unfriendly white canvas is picket fencing one of the Wave sundecks. Is that an intimation?

Hey Ross, you M.A.A., you, the ears of Oak Knoll are picking up certain remarks detrimental to your character. We offer all the "Scuttlebutt" space you require to explain your actions at a recent Welfare and Recreational Smoker.

Attention all Photographer's Mates and those interested in cheesecake scenery. Here is the new unofficial bathing suit schedule: "Rusty" Masson will decorate the swimming pool on Monday at 1100 or thereabouts. "Tex" Deviers will be morning dipping on Tuesday for the benefit of the night corpsmen who are looking for some dream material. On Wednesday, Ev Milkovich is listed to take an occasional plunge. Ev's time is not certain but promises to perform if she can elude the grasp of Stevens. "Dottie" Matesich is booked for Thursday afternoon and little Margie Salters will be on display Friday noon. Movie starlet Esther Williams will put in a brief appearance Saturday morning but is restricted to the inspection party and guests.

Attention bookworms: A new novel, the story of a ward corpsman who got a 4.0 for inspection every Saturday morning, can be found at the library. The title is

Oak Leaf to Introduce New Feature for Nurses

The next issue of the Oak Leaf will introduce a feature that has long been missed in the columns of the paper. The activities of the nurses at Oak Knoll will be under close scrutiny as Lt. Comdr. Mildred M. Morrison, (NC) USN, reports news notes about the local "women in white."

Miss Morrison reported to Oak Knoll on the 2d of March and was even more recently promoted to the rank of Lt. Comdr. She is a veteran of four years' naval service and has seen duty at many of the hospitals in the States as well as duty at Southampton, England.

Salesman: Is the boss in?
Girl: No, he isn't.
Salesman: Will he be back after a little?
Girl: No, I think that's what he went after.

"How Clean Was My Galley."—That's a pun, son . . .

The makers of "What's-coming-off-around-here" Sanitary paper hankies are contemplating setting up one of their newer self-service machines in the Wave reception room. After one lollygagging glimpse the makers of "What's-coming-off-around-here" Sanitary paper hankies feel there is an urgent need for their product, especially around closing time of 2200. How 'bout that, Nester? How 'bout that Klephart? How 'bout that, B. Brooks and G. Howard?

Helen "Kelley" Kuziara, former Oak Knoll medical storeroomer, is back on the compound this week on unofficial business. Sans her Navy blue, shed many moons ago, she is in the O. P. D. with a little "Kelley."

Special Interest Films Educational Services Bldg.

Tues. April 2—0900 — Machinist & Toolmaker—The Draftsman.

Tues. April 9—0900 — The Woodworker—Modern Coal Mining.

Tues. April 16—0900 — The Welding Operator—Sheet Metal.

Tues. April 23—0900 — The Electrician—Radio & Television.

Tues. April 30—0900 — Symphony Orchestra—String Choir.

To buy..sell..rent

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Lost . . .

Black Parker Fountain Pen name Mehrin Kirkeeng engraved on it. If found please contact Miss Kirkeeng, doctor's office 65A.

Wanted . . .

A two or three room furnished apartment before May 1. Young, Security guard, extension 296.

MOIPHY

By Penberthy



"I HAD MY COWPOX VACCINATION TODAY.
THERE'S NOTHING TO IT!"



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Jan Garber Next Big Name Band

Hey Cats! Garber's coming and Oak Knoll's gonna get him. Jan Garber and his men of music will be on hand Tuesday, April 9th, to treat the ears of Oak Knollers with his smooth and syncopated swing. Garber's is the latest topflight band to be sponsored here by the Welfare and Recreation department. He will appear on the stage of the auditorium for an afternoon show at 1500. At 2000, the band will furnish jive and sweet music at an All Hands Dance.

Jan Garber has played all the best spots from coast to coast, including such places as the Aragon in Chicago, the Roseland Ballroom in New York, the Palladium in Los Angeles and the Golden Gate in San Francisco. He has been featured several times on Spotlight Bands and the Fitch Bandwagon. The band has made several movies and a few years ago made quite a few "Soundies," musical shorts.

If the number of gates and cats that have shown up at the other name band dances are an indication, Garber's showing here should be a terrific success.

Waves May Enlist For 15 More Months

In an ALSTACON received here last week it was learned that the Bureau of Naval Personnel desires that a small number of enlisted WAVES voluntarily request extension of active duty until July, 1947. Although the position of Waves in the post-war Navy has not been determined as yet, the same opportunity was recently offered to WAVE officers.

WAVES taking advantage of this offer before April 6th will automatically be advanced to the next higher pay grade. However, WAVES who took advantage of this special rating advancement by signing over until 1 September, 1946, will not necessarily be entitled to advancement in rate solely by reason of service extension.

Duty assignments will be governed by the needs of the service and not by the individual desires of the WAVES. However, no WAVES will be assigned to duty overseas at this time.

Popular Production Panics Personnel



Pat Avenell and Bill Kenny as Mildred and Lenny turned in an excellent performance in the Peninsula Little Theater production of "Kiss and Tell."

There was occasion for laughter and joy last Thursday night in Oak Knoll's auditorium as the Peninsula Little Theater players honored our stage with a performance of Hugh Herbert's "Kiss and Tell." This rapid fire joy maker inaugurated the first legitimate stage performance to be given before our hospital personnel. Its success was spontaneous. "Kiss and Tell" is another rosy feather in the Welfare and Recreation bonnet.

The play unraveled into a story of the experiences, impressions and confusions of Corliss Archer, capably portrayed by Gwen Dam. Actor Robert Edberg performed the part of Dexter who provided an admirable foil for the pranks of lovable Corliss. Michael Fallon's lively portrait of an up-to-date kid brother who was not entirely a pest, brought a special round of applause from the audience. Thespian Bill Kenny added a touch of Navy blue to the scene by playing the role of a naval officer.

"Kiss and Tell" is a comedy of anguished parents and the exaggerated loyalties that embroils three families. It is a story of a feud between the Archers and the Pringles that is not unlike the embattled saga of the Hatfields and the McCoys.

In spite of the foolishness of the feud, the people of the two families were made real and even lovable by the players. The Peninsula Little Theater went a step beyond mere naturalness and took the farce at a fast pace that created a hilarious show.

Sec Nav Promotes Use Of Navy Assistance Red Cross Drive Complete Success

Secretary of the Navy James B. Forrestal has pointed out the importance of the Navy's Civil Readjustment Program and the opportunities it presents to all discharged Naval personnel, including officers, Waves, and enlisted men alike. This program presents the most up-to-date methods of instructions, including motion pictures, lectures, and printed matter. In addition, interviewers are available to all hands for special consultations on the particular problems of individual separatees.

Another important phase of the Civil Readjustment Office's work and too little known to the veterans themselves is post-separation advice and assistance. Any person separated from the Naval service within the past three months is urged to make use of the office of this district, located at Room 209, 690 Market St., San Francisco, and its highly trained staff. Records of all separatees residing in the district are kept there, so information as to loans, insurances, retirements, benefits, and educational services, can be easily offered. It even serves to arrange for contacts between separatees and various employers to make appointments for interviews.

In response to the nationwide Red Cross drive, Oak Knoll contributed its share in the sum total of \$1,114.17. Miss Marie Adams, field director for this area, sends her thanks to all who contributed and to Lt. (jg) R. M. Roberts (HC), USN, Security Officer, for his efforts in mobilizing the drive. There is no doubt but that everyone is aware of the multiple good deeds done by the American Red Cross and its representatives here at Oak Knoll and therefore the necessity for donations to this cause.

Staff Doctors to Lecture At University of Calif.

Two staff doctors have been included as lecturers in an extension course, "The Veteran and His Community," at the University of California. On April 1st, Lt. Comdr. W. M. Adams (MC), USNR, chief of Plastic Surgery, spoke on "Plastic Surgery—Problems of War Injured." Comdr. S. C. Runkle (MC), USNR, of Peripheral Neurosurgery, will give a series of two lectures (April 10 and 15) on "Methods of Helping the Psychoneurotic."

2,000,000 Discharged; 1,000 Enlisting Daily

(SEA) — While some 2,000,000 Navy personnel have been discharged and the demobilization rate is 7,000 to 8,000 a day, the regular Navy has been growing at the rate of almost 1,000 enlistments a day. Total enlisted regular Navy strength was 416,184 on 10 March.

Marine Corps releases are nearing the 300,000 mark, and the Coast Guard has demobilized more than 100,000.

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● Oak Knoll Still Needs Blood

Reliable sources throughout the nation all agree that the actual fighting in the immense world conflict ceased many months ago. The era of reconversion is engulfing every town and community in the country. However, the aftermath of the human destruction is still lying in military hospitals throughout the United States. For them the war is over, but the changing over from war to peace is the rebuilding of the body and not the factory.

Most readers of the "Oak Leaf" conform to the latter in that they are hospitalized for some physical abnormality and must undergo a period of convalescence or rehabilitation before running the gauntlet of civilian rejuvenation. Likewise, some patients will be handicapped only a short time while others find their immediate future confined to medical attention. The most serious and the most endangered, need, among other essential medical treatment, an adequate stock, an instantly available supply of BLOOD.

BLOOD, both whole and in plasma form, is urgently needed at our hospital. Not a person living can intelligently say that he does not need the assurance that our medical institutions are properly endowed with BLOOD. The men whose hospitalization period may cover a time still measured in years must have this life fluid available and ready to be administered in a moment's notice. Life may, and often does, depend upon a complete supply of BLOOD ready for immediate administration.

All personnel attached to Oak Knoll, both staff and patients, are invited to stop at the BLOOD BANK located topside of Small Stores in Building 133. You are cordially and hopefully asked to donate a pint of red and white corpuscles and all the other ingredients that make up this scarce chemical compound labeled—BLOOD.

● Hospital Corps Vets Organize

An opportunity for discharged hospital corpsmen to maintain a direct contact with their past occupation has finally presented itself in the form of the National Association Veterans of the Hospital Corps (abbreviated NAV HC). This association has a purpose, a policy, and a program, respectively; to aid, to serve, and to utilize its members and people.

It is the immediate mission of NAV HC to establish a potential force for national protection by maintaining a trained reserve for the use of the Services in case of any extensive emergency. NAV HC will represent the most important single group in the United States who can aid in fighting disease and injury throughout the nation. NAV HC has no intention of attempting to lobby on Capitol Hill, or exert any pressure with any group merely to advance the selfish ends of Hospital Corps veterans. The policy is to work and cooperate with all veterans and civilian groups for the ultimate benefit of the majority of people. It would be a wanton waste of talent not to utilize the past training of these men and women in civil life. Of course, the association is by no means organized solely as a benefit to the national populace; indeed, each member is informed as to the latest developments of every phase of his past work and is also informed as to the current news of other local groups of NAV HC.

The groundwork has already been laid, so all that is now necessary to create the nation-wide organization is a vast membership. The representative for this hospital is Chief Pharm. Mate L. H. Tyner of the X-Ray Department. He has all the pertinent forms, so anyone interested can contact him.

PLEASANT POINT ACCUMULATORS



These three ladies are anxiously awaiting the accumulation of enough points for discharge of HA 1c Garwood Kline of the Medical Library. Kline expects to return to his home in Emmaus, Pa., some time in May.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Victory Through Christ

"In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

These words of our Lord are a source of encouragement and courage in a day of great discouragement. Although the actual fighting has long ceased, due to distrust and suspicion, strife and confusion prevail amongst the nations. Each of the great world powers is completely absorbed in attempting to readjust itself to the routine of peace. Each appears to be interested only in its own ambitions and dreams. Living in squalor, dying from starvation and disease, millions of people all over the world have lost hope. The empty promises, the vain flattery of rulers, the insincerity of political propaganda, have so crushed the human spirit that in many instances it has failed to rise above the disappointments of this life.

As we approach the Easter season the Christian's strength is renewed and his vision enlarged. Instead of looking at the shadow of Despond, as millions are doing, the Christian gazes upon that symbol of Divine Love and Sacrifice, the Cross, and that emblem of Eternal Hope, the empty tomb. The Christian is conscious of the eminence of his Lord. Above the din and tumult of this life the living Christ speaks in words which can be heard and understood. Although He promises us pain and suffering—"In the world ye shall have tribulation," nevertheless He assures us victory through faith in Himself—"be of good cheer I have overcome the world."

Since nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, neither death nor life nor angels nor principalities, etc.—since He has promised to be with us always ("and I will be with you all the days even unto the end of the age"), regardless of every circumstance, we should be "more than conquerors through Him that loved us."

CHAPLAIN CHARLES DANA CHRISMAN

Pre-Easter Divine Services

PROTESTANT

Services daily except Saturday 1215-1250 in the Ship Service Auditorium.

CATHOLIC

Special Devotions in the Large Chapel.

Tuesday, 1830—Novena and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Wednesday, 1630—Mass, Sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Friday, 1630—Mass, Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

R.C. GRAY LADY CAPPING HELD AT OFFICERS' CLUB



The Oakland Chapter of Red Cross Gray Ladies posed for this picture shortly after completion of the capping ceremonies held at the Officers' Club on 28 March. Left to right: Mesdames Varro, Fleming, Meyers, Kelly, Parke, Wayber, Redpath and Harwood.

Forty-five Gray Ladies, representing the three chapters of Oakland, Alameda and Berkeley were honored at a capping ceremony held at the Officers' Club on Thursday night, March 28. The ladies capped had concluded six months of library, recreation, craft and general Gray Lady work on the wards.

Mrs. W. Boulton Bates, Chairman of Volunteer Special Services of Oakland Chapter, was Mistress of Ceremonies, and first introduced Miss Marie Adams, Red Cross Field Director at the hospital. Miss Adams commended these women very highly for their unceasing work in spite of obstacles and difficulties. Without the assistance of these women, the professional staff could never accomplish the many necessary tasks. She emphasized the fact, too, that these women realized that although the war is over, the need for Gray Ladies continues, and will indeed be great as long as military hospitals remain open. Congratulations and thanks to all Gray Ladies for work well done were given by Captain H. E. Robins, Executive Officer of Oak Knoll Hospital. He stressed the fact that it was impossible to

enumerate the many services rendered so unselfishly by the Gray Ladies.

In presenting the well-earned caps, the names of the Alameda women were read by Mrs. Joseph Willies; Mrs. Nelson Chick read the names of the Berkeley Gray Ladies; Mrs. Randolph Parks, the Gray Ladies from Oakland. Following the reading of the names, each lady was presented with her certificate by Captain Robins; Miss Katherine Dawson, Recreation Supervisor, then placed the new cap upon each, after which manuals were presented by Miss Joan Smith.

Incidental piano music was furnished by Mrs. Elmer O. Sagen; while Robert Lincoln, PhM3c corpsman at Oak Knoll, played two piano solos. Mrs. Walter H. Clark, Alameda; Mrs. Roy McDonald, Berkeley; Mrs. John Dubinske, Oakland, read the names of Gray Ladies from the various chapters who are to receive stripes denoting one to six years in Gray Lady service.

To conclude the evening's activities, delicious refreshments of punch and cake were served from the gaily decorated table.

Red Cross Brings Smiles to Wards

"Swing your partner to the tune of Turkey in the Straw" resounded from ward 49B Wednesday night, March 27, with a real old-fashioned square dance. The musicians were violin, Pfc. J. A. Worthington, ward 74a; bullfiddle, Cpl. L. C. Isom, ward 77A; electric guitar, Flc J. R. Jackson, ward 82A and second guitar Flc L. L. Keinmores, ward 45B. The gals they swung for the Virginia Reel were the members of the Red Cross night Recreation Corps.

During the evening C. Q. M. Harold Kocurek, a patient on ward 49B, taught the group the circle two-step, a dance which he learned back home in Lidgerwood, North Dakota. Refreshments for the evening were "help yourself sandwiches" with all the trimmings, pickles, and potato chips.

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On Wednesday evening, March 27, patients of 46A and B were hosts on 46B to a group of attractive and charming girls from the University of California Y.W.C.A. The theme of the party was an Advertising Quiz. The unique angle to this particular advertising quiz was the fact that it was divided into two parts. The girls organized and presented a quiz which tested the men's ability to recognize well-known advertisements from which the sponsor's slogans and names were deleted. The men surprised them by being so well versed that nearly everyone scored one hundred per cent. The second part consisted of an excellent quiz prepared by the patients of 46A and B. It tested the girls' abilities in recognizing the sponsors who back well known radio orchestras and entertainers. Special credit and commendation for cooperation in development of the quiz goes to Larry Brethyl, J. E. McMillan and Roy Chestnut of 46B and to Clyde Magnus and Jim Wilkins of 46A who served as Master of Ceremonies and scorekeeper respectively.

"And what were poor West's last words?"

"Man, this sure tastes like the real stuff."

Murray Dancers Teach Patients

"Learning to dance isn't so hard when you have Arthur Murray instructors" said an enthusiastic patient Tuesday afternoon at the dance lesson ward 64B. Under the very able instructor, Hal Bishop of Arthur Murray Dance Studio, the patients are learning the "Magic Step," "Swing step" and "Balance step" and how to use them in smooth ballroom dancing. Miss Marianna Qamar and Miss



Rita Lambert assisted patients and aided Mr. Bishop in demonstrating the "Do's and Don'ts" of good dancing.

This series of four dance lessons was arranged by Red Cross for patients who wanted to learn to dance. A dance with Junior Hostesses is planned for the class so that they may use their new talent. Sounds like a lot of fun, doesn't it?

Health Protection Plan for Civilians

On April first, Mr. Allen W. Widenham, District Manager of the California Physicians Service, explained a health protection plan to civilian employees in the Ship's Service auditorium. It is recommended that all civilian employees interested in the benefits of this service fill out their application forms as soon as possible and return them to their respective Departmental heads, who in turn will give them to Mr. C. E. Willard, room 232, Administration Annex. Any questions pertaining to this plan can be submitted in writing to Department heads. These questions will be answered in writing and returned.

A prompt response to this service will effect immediate protection for civilians at Oak Knoll.

Male and female voices are needed for the Protestant choir which will sing at Easter services. Anyone interested may attend one of the rehearsals which are held from 1400 to 1500 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or contact one of the chaplains.

Distinguishing Device For Combat-Won Medals

Naval personnel who have won the Legion of Merit or Bronze Star Medal awards for distinguished service in actual combat are authorized to wear a bronze, block letter "V," one-quarter inch in height, in the center of the ribbon. Only one such device can be worn, but stars indicating additional awards may be arranged symmetrically, with the first star to the wearers right of the "V" and the second to the left.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, J. A. Talley, A. T. L. Armstrong, W. F. Summers.
Sunday—
Morning Service 1000
Communion Service 1100
Evening Vespers 1930
Weekday—
Morning Devotions 0730
Vesper Service 1600
Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
Choir—Tuesday & Thursday, 1400-1500.
Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Christian Science:

Wartime minister will be at the reception office in the Chapel every Tuesday at 1400 to 1600.

L. D. S. (Mormon):

Services 1930 Thursday.

Catholic:

Chaplains—Nicholas F. Gruber, J. P. Griffin.
Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130.
Saturday Mass—0800 and 1630.
Weekday Mass—0800 and 1630.
Confessions before all Masses.
Novena and Benediction, 1830 Tuesday.
Catholic Chaplain's offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Jewish:

Divine Service—2000 Friday, conducted by Mr. Bernard Miran.
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1900 to 2000 on Fridays.

Library Loans Literature to Lessen Lonely Hours

The Hospital Library claims that it is amphibious, first, because it is a Navy library ashore, and second, because its floating libraries reach the wards afloat or ashore—that is, rain or shine. Canvas covers keep the book carts dry, and the librarians pretend to be mermaids when California's liquid sunshine is in the air. The Library emphasizes service to bed patients and those unable to leave their wards, though it welcomes both staff and patients. Patients in the wards borrow about two-thirds of all books loaned. A librarian with one of the Library's six book carts, visits each ward having bed patients, twice a week. Nurses are requested to phone the Library if patients wish books between the semi-weekly visits of the book cart.

The Library is open to staff and patients 365 days in the year, twelve hours a day, from 0900 to 2100, except on Sunday, when it is open from 1200 to 2100. During 1945, the Library loaned 122,971 books and was visited by many other users who read newspapers, magazines or books in the Library. Two-thirds of the books borrowed are fiction, including best-sellers, historical novels, westerns, and detective stories. In non-fiction, literature, science and technology and history are the most popular subjects. About two thousand magazines a month—most of them from the fleet post office—are dis-



One of the hospital's assistant librarians aids a bed patient in the selection of a book to make long hours pass swiftly.



Miss Catherine Baker (in foreground), chief librarian, and Miss Patricia Gaspar, assistant, hard at work in the library office compiling a report of book circulation.

tributed to the wards by the Library. The Library subscribes to twenty-seven newspapers and 235 magazines, as well as receiving numerous gift subscriptions. About two-thirds of the 14,000 books have been provided by the Bureau of Naval Personnel. In addition, several thousand books have been given the Library. Current books are purchased from local welfare funds.

The Library is housed in a pleasant building opposite the

Recreation building, and is comfortably furnished with davenports, lounge chairs and lamps. Stationery is provided by the California Department of the American Legion Auxiliary, for those who wish to write letters. Like other departments of the Hospital, the Library has developed a great deal in the last three and a half years. When Miss Catherine Baker, the librarian in charge, arrived in September, 1942, the Library was still in boxes in the Medical Store-room. The first Library was in the old Recreation building, in what is now the dining-room of the Officers' Club, where it carried on in the midst of movies, parties, band practice, phonographs and juke boxes. The librarian commuted between the Library and the wards. The one book cart and a few hundred books were kept in the gear room of Ward 45-A. By the fall of 1943, the hospital had provided the present building in its very desirable location.

The present staff consists of seven civilian librarians, appointed by the Library Section of the Bureau of Naval Personnel. The two assistant librarians are Miss Evalyn Peat and Mrs. Barbara Matthias, whose voices tell you that *Forever Amber* is at long last to be yours, or inquiring whether you are still using that long-overdue book. Other members of the staff are Miss Patricia

Gaspar, who compiles statistics and types catalog cards; Miss Marian McCarthy, who searches for reserves; Miss Margaret Snowden, who shows patients how to mend books and reinforce magazines; and Miss Mary Louise Gilchrist, who letters books. You will also see them on your wards where they will help you select books and magazines. Miss Catherine Baker is the librarian in charge, whose special job is to see that the Library functions smoothly. R. H. Cambridge, PhM3c, takes care of

magazines and newspapers, in addition to numerous other duties, which he is assisted by Dean H. Stone, HA1c.

Chief Yeoman E. H. Williams in charge of the thirty or so pa-



Three patients attached to the library staff repair books before they are placed back on the shelves.

tients who assist librarians with book carts, shelve and mend books, file cards, and perform other necessary tasks.

S 1/c: "Will this castor oil make me well enough to get up tomorrow morning?"

HA 2/c: "I hope so."

"Was your friend shocked over the death of his mother-in-law?"
"Shocked? He was electrocuted."

CALLING ALL BALL THROWERS

There is a need for your talents in the pitching box of Oak Knoll's newly formed hardball team. Anyone with previous experience please contact the athletic field.



The reading room in the main library is a mecca for staff and patients who have a few extra minutes to relax and enjoy a good book.

Popular Wave Ensign Leaves

Ah yes, there is no gladness in the Wave Barracks tonight. An air of gloom permeates its usually joyful confines. A few tears are to be seen on the cheeks of the less cheerful. The reason for this near "tearful" (tearful, that is) occasion? The departure this week of Ensign Betty J. Ross, (W) USNR, since February, 1945, Women's Reserve Representative. Miss Ross left this week to again don the gay



Ens. B. J. Ross

points and pastels characteristic of civilian clothes. No more for her the Navy blue overseas cap. She has her eye on a chapeau with a pickle in the middle and mustard on top.

Like the Roman Empire, she has seen the rise and decline of Oak Knoll's Women's Reserve organization. At the peak period she had under her direction 387 enlisted and 30 officer Waves. This has been reduced by the erosion of demobilization so that now there are only 155 enlisted and 19 officers.

Miss Ross traces her antecedents back to the almost legendary Betsy Ross, designer of the first American flag. Before being commissioned at Smith College on August 22, 1944, she sewed eleven months as an enlisted Wave, Sp(S)2c, to be exact.

One of the most important positions on the compound, the Women's Reserve Representative watches with an eagle-eye over all Waves, gives counsel, is responsible for Wave inspections and works closely with the Commanding Officer on all matters pertaining to the Women's Reserve.

When asked if she had any special comment to make upon her departure Miss Ross said, "I have enjoyed exceedingly my tenure of office as Women's Reserve Representative and I am especially grateful to the Commanding Officer for his fine cooperation and interest in matters pertaining to members of the Women's Reserve."

WOMEN IN WHITE

By Lt. Comdr. Mildred M. Morrison (NC) USN

We think it very apropos that the first item contributed to this new column of the *Oak Leaf* can be an extension of congratulations to our Chief Nurse, Commander Sophia E. Deaterla, (NC) USN, who was promoted to that rank April 1st. Miss Deaterla came to this station last November from Fleet Hospital No. 105. She has been in the Navy twenty-seven years, during which time she has served as Chief Nurse at many stations both in this country and outside the continental limits.

Detached to Civil Life: Ensigns Marion I. Falconer and Linnea C. Romberg; Lts. (jg) Marie P. Land, Catherine E. Fox, Olive W. French, Josephine G. Hlebain, Elizabeth J. May, Ruth M. Elbe, Katherine L. Pierce, Ruth M. Henden, and Marguerite A. Hill; Lieuts. Elizabeth R. Harris, Anna B. Richman, Pace M. Rocchi, Lillian R. Lukes, Adelyn M. Yankowski, and Anne L. Jansiewicz.

Detached to U.S.N. Dispensary, N. O. B., Adak, Alaska: Lt. Margaret J. Johnson, (NC) USN.

On a recent AlNav made by the President on 13 March 1946, thirty-nine nurses were promoted to the rank of Lt. (jg), and twelve to the rank of Lieut. On 4 March, 22 were promoted to the rank of Lt. Comdr.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Farrell, nee Lt. (jg) Marjorie J. Schneider (NC) USNR, on their marriage of March 23.

If you enjoy reading, get the new book "Navy Nurse" written by Page Cooper which tells some very interesting experiences of various members and units of the Nurse Corps. The Preface is written by Captain Sue S. Dauser, (NC) USN, Ret., and the Foreword by Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire, (MC) USN, in which he says, "It is well that someone has come up with a comprehensive book, based upon first hand observation both at home and abroad, about Navy Nurses in this war. . . . Their relatives and friends should take particular interest in "Navy Nurse" for the insight it gives into the workings of the Navy's Medical Department."

After the 1st of May when Lt. Ellen B. Ryan leaves you'll only hear two nurses practicing on the piano instead of three. Lt. Comdrs. Grace M. Acuna and Rose M. Foulks will continue their lessons in Oakland so that they may keep the Nurses Quarters merry with their music!!

Likeable Chief of Pathology Helps Diagnose Rare Disease

"Uncle David" is a far cry from the hawk-nosed, squint-eyed, stoop-shouldered scientist that every laboratory is supposed to have lurking in its crannies.

Instead, Commander David A. Wood is a short, straight, stub-nosed and very sanguine man who doesn't lurk but whisks about through his laboratories, and who has gained the reputation of thoroughly "knowing his stuff" without even trying to look like Dr. Jekyll.

Dr. Wood has been peering down the barrels of Oak Knoll's microscopes as the Chief of Pathology since June of 1944. The fact that he became "Uncle David" to his assistants and technicians at the very beginning establishes his ready likeability and helps explain why, even though a pathologist, he has kept in close touch with the patients on the wards. Unlike so many laboratory men, he has not crawled into a test tube and pulled the stopper in behind him.

Yet the tasks of a pathologist in charge of a "lab" as big as Oak Knoll's are so protein that one is staggered by a mere list of them. Thus, Dr. Wood supervises all the work of the bacteriology, hematology, parasitology, chemistry, and urine labs; but this is only a small nibble of his work. For he also is the boss of the allergy lab, where skin tests are performed, and he is responsible for the smooth functioning of the Blood Bank and plasma supply. Dwarfing all of these jobs, the nugget of Dr. Wood's career here has been his great contribution to the diagnosis of the myriad and often exotic diseases that have puzzled Oak Knoll's clinicians ever since they have known the term DU. Many a patient, both surgical and medical, has Dr. Wood's accurate perception and interpretation to thank for the diagnosis of his disease from a "biopsy specimen"—a small bit of tissue taken from a diseased organ. And many a patient who never even heard of Dr. Wood has him to thank for a diagnosis, for Dr. Wood has examined hundreds of microscopic sections of tissues sent him by medical officers aboard ships and on island stations in the Pacific.

The experience that has made Dr. Wood such an indispensable man is the result of a long educational climb. Born in New Mexico, and raised in Gooding, Idaho, Dr. Wood was a country boy when he came to California to study chemistry at Stanford in 1922. He discovered his bent for scientific learning when he came out of the first year with top grades in the sciences and D's in mental hygiene and ROTC. This, he remarks, convinced him of the practical importance of avoiding "pipe courses." By the time he had obtained his A. B. degree in physiological chemistry he had become a member of Phi Lambda Upsilon, honorary chemical fraternity, and Sigma Xi, honorary scientific society. Mean-



Dr. D. A. Wood

while he had been doing such things as running a laundry, cleaning and pressing agency to make a living.

By 1930 Dr. Wood had finished medical school and internship at Stanford. He was immediately appointed to the faculty of Stanford Medical School, studying pathology under Dr. William Ophüls. In 1933, following the death of Dr. Ophüls, he was made acting head of the department, which appointment he held until 1936. Since 1935 he has been an associate professor of pathology, retaining the appointment under military leave during his four years in the Navy.

Meanwhile, Dr. Wood has been busy rearing a family. In 1937 he married a nurse who had graduated from the Stanford School of Nursing and also from the university as a AB. Four children—aged 8, 6, 4 and 2—now make their contribution to what Mrs. Wood calls the "Wood Madhouse."

In the years since leaving medical school Dr. Wood has had responsibility after responsibility piled on his shoulders without any overload point appearing. He is pathologist to Stanford Hospitals, visiting pathologist to San Francisco and Laguna Honda Hospitals, and consulting pathologist to Woodland Clinic Hospital in Woodland, to Sonoma County Hospital in Santa Rosa, and to Mary's Help Hospital in San Francisco.

Among his most honored positions is that of secretary of the California State Cancer Commission and of the California Division of the American Cancer Society.

Dr. Wood has been certified by the American Board of Pathologists in pathological anatomy and clinical pathology. He is a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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A DAY AT THE RACES

To all sporting fans and followers of the daily happenings in this section of the country, the opening of the famous Bay Meadows race track was indeed worthy news. Oak Knoll, being no slouch or backward child, had for months awaited the day when the horses would be at the starting post and the forty-five day meeting of the "Sport of Kings" would commence.

Then one morning, not so long ago, a jockey in blue and orange silks, riding "Rehabilitation" (winner of the recent Hospital Handicap) galloped through our main gate. The jockey threw furtive glances in the direction of the M.A.A. shack, for he was in too much of a hurry to check in, then tied up his horse on the Administration Bldg. hitching post and dashed up to the Office of the Medical Officer in Command. He had a message from his boss, Mr. Wil-



The March wind and rain was chilly and the track was muddy last Friday at Bay Meadows, but thirty Oak Knoll patients had the time of their life watching the horses run.



liam P. Kyne, owner of the Bay Meadows racing establishment, to Captain A. H. Dearing. This harbinger of good news relayed a request for our worthy hospital to be the guest of Mr. Kyne at his race track every Friday for as many weeks as Bay Meadows stables are occupied with the fleeting horse flesh.

The rains were coming, the March winds were having a banzai, the local Chamber of Commerce relit their smudge pots, and Oak Knoll went to the races. Thirty-five of our hospital's inhabitants who appreciate the finer diversions of life were on board as the transportation vehicle labeled "Bay Meadows Special" wheeled its way over the San Mateo span in the direction of the oval turf.

A man may be an avid horse racing enthusiast and diligently read the racing tabloids, but most probably has never been offered the opportunities bestowed upon the residents of our hospital. To see what goes on behind the scenes of the race track stage may be a secret ambition of many, but to the thirty-five guests of Mr. Kyne, it became a rare and wonderful experience. Oak Knoll paid a visit



Oak Knoll racing enthusiasts pose with Mr. William P. Kyne, Bay Meadows owner and general manager, and his assistants.



"Win - Place - Show" were the words of the day as Oak Knoll went to the races.

to the well guarded sanctities the jockey. They shook hands with some of the more famous riders of the country. The patients saw a room that is heated by hot steam up to a temperature of one hundred and sixty degrees and frequented by jockeys who must weigh in before mounting his horse. Mr. Kyne's guests took advantage of being on the inside and scrupulously searched for winning horses but were slightly frustrated when every jockey thought his pony was a "sure thing."

At the predesignated time the first race began as thirty-five patients visioned huge amounts of money coming their way for an investment of two dollars. The trumpeter blew the call, the horses lined up at the post, the bell rang and the first race had begun. Gold Arch was in the lead at the half-stretch with Count Bay and Style



Princess closing fast. At the halfway mark it was Count Bay, Gold Arch and Style Princess, respectively. Coming down the stretch Gold Arch, Style Princess and Count Bay were neck and neck. The crowds were on their feet, cheering, urging their favorites on to victory and division. The first race was over and the winner was Cold Roll. "Where did he come from?"

And so it went for eight races. Adhering to the age old proverb of "Nothing ventured, nothing gained," most of Oak Knoll ventured and hoped that their trip to Bay Meadows would reap them financial gains as well as the summing wealth in pleasures.

Every Friday morning until the Bay Meadows track season is completed, a contingent of Oak Knoll patients will be the welcomed guests of Mr. William Kyne. The hospital is greatly indebted to Mr. Kyne not only for his newest venture toward making the patients' convalescent period as pleasant as possible, but for all the other friendly deeds he has done for them. For such things as our bowling alleys and the hospital's boxing ring, Oak Knoll is grateful.

The Sporting Scene



Gilberg goes into the air to tally two more points for Oak Knoll in the final game of the season against Santa Rosa American Legion in the Vallejo tournament. The game ended with Oak Knoll trailing 28-30.

Basketball Team Loses Final Game

In the final cage game of the season, the Oak Knoll basketball team was bested by the Santa Rosa American Legion five, 30-28. The game, one of the best of the season, was nip and tuck until the final whistle. Overcoming Oak Knoll's half-time lead, the Legionnaires tied the score at 28 all thirty seconds before the end of the game and then canned the winning basket in the last five seconds of play. Del Schafer with 12 points was high scorer for Oak Knoll and Gilberg was outstanding defensively. The defeat eliminated Oak Knoll from the Vallejo tournament.

The season just culminated was a very successful one for our cagers. The final tally showed a total of forty-two wins against ten losses. In league competition the Oak Knollers copped a first in the Hayward Recreation Tournament and wound up in second place in the Twelfth Naval District Hospital League.

Softball Team Wins Another

Showing sparkling all around play, the nine good men and true of Oak Knoll's softball team, hammered out a two to one decision over a good San Bruno team. The game, played April 2 on the home grounds was featured by the four hit pitching of Oak Knoll hurler Hamilton. The locals garnered a total of seven hits, Hargarder leading the parade with two solid singles. A sensational catch by Roik in left field prevented San Bruno from tying and possibly winning the game.

Tuesday's game ended play in the first half of the Twelfth Naval District League. A cancelled game with Moffatt Field will be played during the week.

Anyone interested in attending off the compound games can travel with the team. Transportation leaves from the rear of the bowling alley. Contact Bob Jones of Welfare and Recreation for further information.

Tennis Tourney To Start Soon

April 17th has been set as the deadline in signing up for the Compound Tennis Tourney being sponsored by the Welfare and Recreation Department. Play in the tournament will begin on April 22 and pairings will be posted soon. This year's tourney will be an all hands' competition with trophies to be awarded the winners.

Match play will be divided into the following brackets: Men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles.

Equipment will be furnished by Welfare and Recreation and entrants are advised to contact Bob Anderson at Welfare and Recreation.

Oak Knoll Golfers to Compete at Stanford

Oak Knoll participation in the annual golf tournament held at Stanford is again insured by the news that an eight man links team is being formed. On April 9th they will journey to Stanford to represent Oak Knoll in the tourney. Members of the team are Jack Hatz, of Graphic Arts, Bill Gardner, of Small Stores, Jim Lee, of the Bag Room, Tom Felix ChSp (A), C. Gordon, former P.O.W., Lt. (jg) Wm. Wierman, of E.E. N.T., Lt. (jg) Dwyer and F. R. Foster, Pharmacy.

Trundlers Start Play In New Bowling League

Competition in the newly formed Black League got under way Monday night at the Bowling Alley. Teams have been entered by Welfare and Recreation, X-ray, Staff Doctors, Bag Room and the Dental Department.

Lieut. (jg) Robert A. Loeffler of Staff Doctors No. 1 was the high man in the evening's trundling. His single game of 249 and his three game average of 212 featured the evening.

The White League, which is scheduled to bowl on Tuesday evenings still needs two entries to fill it out.

Wave Withers While Waiting



Here is the sad story of love and devotion which totters very closely to madness and insanity. This unfortunate young lady fell in love with a Chief Pharmacist Mate, who oddly enough scorned her affection because of her excessive obesity. (You see this young lady, not so long ago, weighed three hundred and two pounds.) So strong was her attraction for the Chief Pharmacist Mate that she defied the laws of survival, her only aim was to lose weight, consulted a Yogi friend of hers. Together they thumbed through the reference books and after long deliberation combined the essence of two books. One was, "Forty-eight Ways to Attain That Lean Look" by Mahandos K. Gandhi, and that Biblical novel called, "The Seven Years Famine." Her diet consisted of one forkful of water and knife-ful of frim-fram sauce and chefauffer on the side. Obviously, it wasn't long before a great depression set in. Her greatest fall in net poundage was sixty-one avoirdupoises in one day when she discarded the chefauffer on the side and divulged in only a half of a forkful of water. She recently visited our hospital and requested a smallpox vaccination. Her Chief Pharmacist Mate boyfriend would never succumb to her charms if she would suddenly blossom out in those rosy red rashes known as smallpox.

A friend is one who continues to love you in spite of your successes.

OKIE



1.



2.



3.



4.



5.

"THE JOKE"

6.

Scuttlebutt

Tails Heard Over the Clothesline

Rose's are red,
Violet's are blue,
Pink is the shade,
Of Sioux City Sue's

What this compound needs is a "UDO," and the sooner we get it the better. Only last week the cumulo-nimbus clouds of strife hung dangerously over our hospital. Commissar **Dzielewicz**, accompanied by his left hand aide **Swiatlowicz**, presented Physio's protest, which hinges on the threat of an ultimatum, to Foreign Minister **Chambers**, of the House of X-Ray. The essence of the proclamation was that the House of X-Ray had extra-territorial ambitions leaning toward permanent acquisition of the buffer, were a definite hinderance to the 4.0 field days of Physio. Meanwhile deep inside Physio General **Valinoti** marshalled his forces in preparation of an all out diathermy coil attack. Latest development was the capture of Mata Hari **Masson**, in the Hubbard tank room of Physio. She was caught fathoming the secret of the Atomic Bath.

The formation of the "UDO" is the only solution to this crisis.

Meanwhile another appearance of dissension has sprung between the two Commissaries. The question is — is Commissary 2 using added food inducements to lure Commissary 1's patronage. "This is indeed a saddening situation," remarked Commissary 1's representative to UNRRA, **Johnny Whitaker**. "Our Navies will move on their stomachs," declared **D. C. Kline** of challenging Commissary 1. The only answer "UDO."

One night, not too long ago, a Chief Pharmacist Mate was brought to our hospital for emergency treatment. His pelvic girdle was mashing the outer surface of his colon. Bluish-maroon blood trickled from his nose. He was in a heck of a mess. The warlike situation developed when E.E.N.T. voiced first claim to the Chief, saying that the nasal sub-mucous membrane had been severed. Surgery 1 pounded its scalpel on the conference table demanding the injured Chief Pharmacist Mate be rushed to Surgery immediately. Hostilities were in the making.

The only possible "out" was UDO.

And what means these letters "UDO?" United Departmental Organization—of course!!!

Ole King Cole, so Mother Goose says, was a merry fellow who played with fiddles. Oak Knoll's Weldon W. Cole, fingers knitting needles in the telephone room. Who rates your fine artistic touch Weldy?

Highest ranking GI on Broadway is a former Lt. Colonel, now dancing in the chorus of Gertrude Niesen's show, "Follow the Girls."

Off the Bookshelf

Recent additions to the library shelves:

Non-Fiction

The Technique of Personal Analysis, by Donald A. Laird. Designed to show you how to be what you want to be, how you can accomplish more by understanding and overcoming weak points.

Make the Most of Your Life, by Douglas E. Lurton. Aims to show that an individual need not be a "brain" to make the most of his life; and makes vivid the fundamental principles on which achievement is based.

All Brave Sailors, by John Beecher. The story of the S. S. Booker T. Washington by the great-grandnephew of Harriet Beecher Stowe who was purser on this first sizable American ship captained by a negro, and whose officers and crew were made up of Negroes and whites.

The Plot Against the Peace, by Michael Sayers and Albert E. Kahn. Reveals how the behind-the-scenes clique which really rules Germany, is plotting to undermine the peace and planning for a third World War.

Atomic Artillery and the Atomic Bomb, by John Kellogg Robertson. A basic book on atomic energy, describing in detail the fabulous story of atomic research. Written by a noted physicist for the layman.

More on Dr. Wood

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tion, member of the American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists, the American Association for Cancer Research, the San Francisco Pathological Society, the San Francisco County Medical Society, and the California Medical Association. He is counselor of the International Association of Medical Museums and a diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners.

Since entering the Navy his interest has not flagged, though it has changed its course somewhat toward the disease known as infectious hepatitis and toward leukemia. His interest in cancer found an energetic outlet in the Tumor Board at this hospital. With all of his work in the Navy, Dr. Wood has managed to publish half a dozen or more scientific papers.

One, with Lt. D. Sidney Thomas of this hospital as co-author, entitled "Biopsy—Its Use and Misuse," is to appear soon in the Navy Medical Bulletin, and another on the subject of the very early liver changes in infectious hepatitis, will be published in the Archives of Pathology.

Now probably in the most productive part of his career, Dr. Wood will go back to civilian life in the department of pathology at Stanford. Chief among those who will miss him at Oak Knoll are the

To buy..sell..rent

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Wanted . . .

A 2-bedroom, furnished apartment, preferably in East Oakland. Contact Lt. D. Fruits (NNCR), Ward 40-B.

Lost . . .

Schaeffer transparent pen (black and white), and pink plastic rimmed glasses, lost March 5 while Assistant OOD. Reward. Phone Lt. Comdr. Conrad, Ward 78-A.

Book "Antioch Actress," by J. R. Perkins. Return to Dick Nelson in Staff Personnel.

For Rent . . .

Single room with garage and kitchen privileges, \$9.00 week. Near Seminary and MacArthur . . . bus stop. Contact Mrs. Craig, SW. 2329, 6114 Buena Ventura, Oakland, Calif.

internes and younger doctors, for Dr. Wood has upheld an academic standard of teaching that is difficult to find even in medical schools. To say that Dr. Wood has left his mark on the minds of the medical staff here goes without saying.

It also goes without saying that "Uncle David" has left a physical mark on many of the staff. For our memories of some of his last days here recall the scene of the little doctor industriously jabbing cowpox vaccine into the bared arms of the staff personnel during the smallpox threat. "Uncle David" has been "Our Doctor" both to the patients and to his confreres.

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Sat. 6 April—WONDER MAN, Dan
ny Kaye, Virginia Mayo.

Sun. 7 April—THE MADONNA'S SE
CRET, Francis Lederer, Gail Patrick.

Mon. 8 April—AND NOW TOMOR
ROW, Loretta Young, Alan Ladd.

Tues. 9 April—ZIEGFELD FOLLIES
All Star Cast.

1400—JAN GARBER and BAND
stage show.

2000—JAN GARBER and BAND
dance.

Wed. 10 April—SPIDER WOMAN
STRIKES BACK, Gale Sondergaard,
Kirby Grant.

Thurs. 11 April—THROW A SADDLE
ON A STAR, Kent Curtis, Addie
Roberts.

Friday, 12 April—DIARY OF A
CHAMBERMAID, Paulette Goddard,
Hurd Hatfield.

Sat. 13 April—MAKE YOUR OWN
BED, Jack Carson, Jane Wyman.

A private All-Staff Easter party is
scheduled for April 12 at Eagle's Hall,
36th Ave. & 14th St. There will be
drinks, eats and dancing to the music
of Jack Blue. For reservations see
PhM2c Jack Huddleston, Patient Per
sonnel Office.



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New Discharge System Revealed for Reserves

N-Y-L-O-N-S Here at Last

Nylons—that long-awaited, much-sought-after articles of ladies' leg proportion, has arrived. Nylons—that serene word that holds more appeal for the feminine sex than Frank Sinatra, is here. Nylons—those beautifying gauged threads of tenacious durability and lustrous transparency, has come to Oak Knoll.

Whether the long-denied stockings will be in the hands of the Waves and nurses of the Oak Knoll staff, before today, or whether they will be issued some time next week, depends on the speed of a documentary invoice, which includes price lists, etc. Lt. E. H. Kershner (HC), USN, Ship Service Officer, assures anyone that wants to be assured that every nurse and every Wave who is an Oak Knoll staff member in good standing will receive a pair of Nylon hose.

To distribute this sacred commodity fairly and evenly, a simplified system of chits will be (or has been) given out by the Wave Representative Officer, Lt. (jg) Florence M. Eggert (W), USNR. Nurses will receive these purchasing power chits from the Chief Nurses' Office.

And what is more, all the signs of Nylons point to a continued supply at Ship Service in the near future.

New Representative For Women Reserves

Lt. (jg) Florence M. Eggert, (W) USNR, has assumed the duties of Women's Reserve Representative in addition to her present duty with the Educational Service Department. Miss Eggert will be in the Women's Reserve Representative office in the Administration Building annex every day from 1000 to 1130 to assist members of the Women's Reserve. She can also be contacted at other times at Educational Services.

Liberty Cards For All Hands

Due to a recent order from the Bureau of Personnel, all hands on liberty must have a card authorizing their presence ashore. All enlisted staff and patients at the hospital going on liberty must present the card as they pass out the gate. Patients will still receive their cards from the Outside Master-at-Arms Office. The staff has been issued various cards denoting the specific status of the liberty. All staff chiefs have yellow cards; port watch, pink; starboard, blue; odd hours, open gate, and section watches, white. The cards bear the owner's name, rate, age, watch, fingerprints and a billet number. On passing through the gate, the bearer states his billet number, which will then be checked with a Cardex file and the time of entrance and departure filed on a regular liberty list.

Tip-Top Revue to Be Here Tuesday

A new, sparkling USO show will come to Oak Knoll next Tuesday and Wednesday, April 16th and 17th, bringing a tip-top cast of well-known professional entertainers. Among them will be Fid Gordon, vaudevillian violin virtuoso, and Jai Dillard, famous accordionist, pianist, and organist, who will exhibit her dexterity at swing and boogie-woogie. Ventriloquist Walter Walters and his fine-grained friend Frankie will put on a few riotous acts of witty dialogue. The auditorium will also be full of ancient Chinese magic, conjured by Tung Ping Soo, including as some of his material live doves. The Six Chicagoans will exhibit some beauteous underpinnage in their dance routines as the three Dixon Singers fill the air with melodious rhythm. The entire revue forecasts a wonderful time for the audience.

The news we've been waiting for is here! The latest AINav from the office of Secretary Forrestal has disclosed that a new discharge system will go into effect on 1 July and will release all reserves by the twentieth of next August. The point system will be retained to determine the order in which you are sent to be separated, but the rate at which you will travel towards that zoot suit and home-cooked meals will depend on a newly devised percentage basis.

New Quota System

Thirty per cent of the reserve personnel at all shore stations will be transferred in time to arrive at separation centers and units between 1 July and 14 July. The second 30% will be sent for discharge between 15 July and 28 July. The next 25% will go between 29 July and 11 August, and the last 15% will be out or at centers awaiting discharge after the twelfth of August and not later than 20 August, 1946. In figuring out your probable date of discharge remember that you will be discharged, unless in a special category, before all those men entering USNR after you did, and that more are entering every day. The present draft, unless it is lengthened, will continue until the fifteenth of May.

Those Not Affected

Among those not affected by the new discharge system are USN enlisted personnel holding temporary appointments as either war-rants or commissioned officers; officers, male or female, who applied for regular Navy and have not been disapproved and who have not requested release in accordance; internes completing schooling; females who have asked for retention until July 1947; personnel in disciplinary or probationary status or any regular Navy personnel. Hospitalized personnel under treatment after 20 August who would ordinarily have been discharged before then will be discharged on return to duty. Personnel who have volunteered for Operation Crossroads will be excepted from effect of this AINav and retained until their special enlistment expires.

In order to provide an even flow of arrivals at separation centers and units and to avoid periodic overload of separation facilities, Commanding Officers will, if possible, transfer each percentage quota not in a single draft but in daily groups or in several small drafts.

Housing Distributed By Security Office

The sad heartbreaking housing shortage that has recently been a major problem for returning discharged veterans is also plaguing the sailor with a dependent family. This acute Navy housing situation is at present particularly severe in the Twelfth Naval District and the latest data forecasts no immediate relief for military personnel. Naval housing administrators urge all service men to secure living quarters before sending for the wife and kiddies.

Oak Knoll's housing burden falls to the Security Office under the auspices of Lt. (jg) R. M. Roberts (HC), USN. The extent of the hospital's family facilities is the newly erected Santa Cruz Island Village, which, although sorely needed, falls short in meeting the demands.

The white houses on the hill provide living quarters for forty families and are divided between officers and enlisted personnel. Accentuating the housing acuteness are a total of forty-nine families listed as awaiting vacancies. To insure the fairness of doling out an apartment a point system is used. One point is given for six months' sea duty and an additional marker for every three months thereafter. A point is also given for each child. There is no distinction held between reserve and regular Navy. All officers up to and including the rank of Lieutenant, and all grades of enlisted personnel are eligible for the allotted space at the village.

To further alleviate the shortage of homes, Lieut. Roberts requests all persons who have an apartment for rent or sale contact him. This will furnish the neediest and qualified tenant with a place to park his hat and a window for his wife to hang curtains.

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• "I Don't Have Any More Time"

"Make hay while the sun shines" is a proverb learned by all children during their grammar school days. They are taught the necessity of utilizing moments of opportunity, for those same moments may never again appear. But it seems that a good ninety-five per cent of these children on growing up become completely oblivious of the statement. Or better yet, they realize the multiple advantages in living by it, but due to a curious quirk of human nature, they seem to disregard its use completely, continually placing themselves in a state of worry. But why is there this peculiar "quirk" in the fundamental construction of man? We doubt if this question has ever been answered sufficiently. It is true that it is probably due to many causes including self-pity, optimism, and pride. We even have a common place word for it, namely "laziness." It is certainly contrary to the laws of nature, for no other animals will ever cease working until they have reached their own specific idea of a position of security. Practically always, man will discontinue his labors just short of his aim, some men not even that far. He will cease with some statement such as "That will do for now" or "I don't have any more time."

But how does this digression apply to us here at Oak Knoll? The answer is that it applies to everyone, irrelevant of their location or position, but the fault can be more easily corrected here than at many other places. For figuratively the sun is continually shining and the hay is ever ready to be reaped. But the time for the labor is rapidly depleting. To be more specific, we might say that the "hay" is a manifestation of knowledge, skill and crafts, and many other advantageous substances, ready to be grasped here at the hospital.

Divine Services

Protestant:	Catholic:
Chaplains—E. C. Andrews, C. D. Chrisman, J. A. Talley, W. F. Summers.	Chaplains—Nicholas F. Gruber, J. P. Griffin.
Sunday—	Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130.
Morning Service 1000	Weekday Mass—0800 and 1630.
Communion Service 1100	Confessions before all Masses.
Evening Vespers 1930	Novena and Benediction, 1630 Tuesday.
Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800.	Catholic Chaplain's offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.
Choir—Tuesday & Thursday, 1400-1500.	Jewish:
Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.	Divine Service—2000 Friday, conducted by Mr. Bernard Miran.
Christian Science:	The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1900 to 2000 on Fridays.
Wartime minister will be at the reception office in the Chapel every Tuesday at 1400 to 1600.	
L. D. S. (Mormon):	
Services 1930 Thursday.	

Pre-Easter Divine Services

PROTESTANT

Services daily except Saturday 1215-1250 in the Ship Service Auditorium.

CATHOLIC

Special Devotions in the Large Chapel.

Tuesday, 1830—Novena and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Wednesday, 1630—Mass, Sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Friday, 1630—Mass, Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Capt. Dearing Bids Farewell To District Medical Officer



Commanding Officer Captain A. H. Dearing (MC), USN, welcome Rear Admiral Richard Laning (MC), USN. Admiral Laning was the honored guest at a recent party given at Oak Knoll's Officers' Club.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"Also A Sailor"

Almost all the Apostles were seagoing men and they had all qualities that you will find in the sailor of today. But Our Lord raised these qualities to a higher plane so that they might become mighty fishers of men.

St. Paul journeyed much by land for the Master whom he loved, but he also made many tours of sea duty. Take a look at a map depicting his travels. He too was a survivor, "Thrice I suffered shipwreck, and a night I was adrift on the sea." St. Luke, one of Paul's favorite disciples, tells of the journey on which he accompanied St. Paul. This is a delightful seagoing epic. From the time that the husky boatswain called "Anchors Aweigh" at Caesarea, in Samaria not far from Jerusalem, until they reached the Italian mainland near Naples, we have an exciting sea story which is really salty.

In this story, told by St. Luke in Acts, we see Paul thrilled as the ship began to get underway; how he experienced the confusion of the deck divisions; we feel the big thrill as the ship headed for the open sea. There too, were the delightful sea breezes, fresh and cool, and the sound of the waves. He must have been a familiar figure in the pilot and chart house. He was a P.A.L. and was in the custody of the CMMA. He was a rugged man of the sea, one who understood the needs loved its whims; loved the distant horizons, and admired the men who manned the ship. In such a one, we find somebody that understands our problems. He did not weather all his storms—he was forced to abandon ship three times.

When times get tough going, get in touch with this old vet; learn from this great Apostle for support. Learn of him the great love of Christ. Let no peril of land or sea separate you from the Master whom Paul served. Our Lord wishes to see in you those wonderful qualities of seagoing men, but you must listen to the voice of His grace to raise them to a supernatural plane. Be a faithful sailor before God and man. The great seagoing Apostle will be proud of you and see a worthy shipmate in time and eternity.

FATHER NICHOLAS F. GRUBER, C.F.

Fifty Girls From Murray's

Fifty beautiful young ladies from Arthur Murray's Dancing Studios in Oakland provided two hours of fun and laughter in the Ship's Service Auditorium last Sunday evening when they presented a novel musical variety show. Popular feature of the program were the many dancing contests in which members of the audience participated as contestants. In addition



One of the fifty shapely ladies from the Arthur Murray Dance Studios, lovely Patsy Baker, demonstrates the hula a la Hawaiian.

to the honor of dancing with gorgeous Arthur Murray dancers the winners of the waltz, samba and jitterbug contests were given prizes of free dance lessons at any one of 87 Arthur Murray dance studios.

Proving that Murray dancers are good dancers, Marianna Qamar and Burt Daniels demonstrated several Spanish dances, while Hal Bishop and Miss Qamar did the tango. Lovely Patsy Baker brought cheers from the responsive audience with her graceful hula dances.

Also popular was Ruth Moses, who amazed everyone with her whistling. She certainly out-whistled all the wolves in the audience with her renditions of several popular ballads.

Movie Schedule

Sat., 13 April, "Make Your Own Bed," Jack Carson, Jane Wyman.

Sun., 14 April, "Breakfast in Hollywood," Tom Breneman, Bonita Granville.

Mon., 15 April, "It's a Pleasure," Sonja Henie, Michael O'Shea.

Tues., 16 April, "Two Sisters From Boston," Jimmy Durante, June Allyson.

Wed., 17 April, "Tarzan and the Leopard Woman," Johnny Weissmuller, Brenda Joyce.

Thurs., 18 April, "Gay Blades," Allan Lane, Jean Rogers.

Fri., 19 April, "Well Groomed Bride," Ray Milland, Olivia de Havilland.

Sat., 20 April, "Laura," Gene Tierney, Dana Andrews.

Grateful Tribute Paid to Captain William Livingston

By LIEUT. A. W. VINSON

There was never an April Fool's Day like that of 1946—at least not in the history of the Livingston "Limp Gimp Family."

The occasion was a testimonial (n'er farewell) dinner given Capt. William K. Livingston (MC), USNR, and his wife at the El Curtola Restaurant in Oakland on that evening.

Ninety patients and staff members gathered to honor Dr. Livingston in what was a spontaneous venture from start to finish. The party was the "baby" born of the peripheral nerve patients' devotion and admiration for the man who is at once a skilled surgeon and trusted counselor.

As Dr. Livingston reached the top of the stairs to the banquet room with his wife he was greeted by the lusty ballad, "Hail! Hail!" He turned pale and his mouth dropped open in a stupefied gape. The affair had been preserved as a total surprise function.

While an "I'll be damned" expression spread over his face, the "mighty 90" broke into "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and he and Mrs. Livingston were escorted to their places at the head table. The captain pulled out his crusty pipe and lit up.

After dinner a brief tribute was paid the guest of honor by Lieut. A. W. Vinson, who served as the master of ceremonies.

Capt. Livingston then arose to acknowledge the verbal salute. As a raconteur of droll and witty stories he proved himself as talented as the late Alexander Woolcott. (When interviewed two days ago, the doctor said he had no intention of giving up medicine for the stage.)

A piano selection by Lt. (jg) Marjorie Kane followed.

As the program rollicked under way Louis "Klattermouth" Kirby, PhM 2/c, double-talked a monologue, entitled "Dr. Livingston Goes to Washington." Miss Kane played a brief musical interlude.

Dr. Ken Livingston provided the high spot in the evening's entertainment with his burlesque performance—a take-off on the brunette toothpick crooner who extracts squeals and screams from bobby-soxers with problem parents. Under an alias in disguise Dr. Ken dashed through the swinging galley ports and swept on scene as "Franklin D. Swoonatra."

Attired in a droop suit jacket with a rakish red, polka-dot tie and a calla lily pinned over his heart he carried his microphone (a hat tree) in with him. He climaxed his drape-shape clowning with a novelty song of his own composition, "Tingle Tangle." (This has now become the consultation cantata of the peripheral patients.)

Next came the first act of "It Could Only Happen at Oakie Knollie." This was a dialogue between

Cpl. M. T. (Butch) Weprich and John Parris, Torpedoman 1/c. The former was cast as Cedric Silverpin, president of the Limp Gimp Film Corporation, and the latter played the part of Dr. Plaster Paris.

Again Captain Livingston caused his patients to bust their stitches by recounting another uproarious tale. He punctuated it with B. O.-type "bups" on his clarinet which his wife had smuggled to the table.

While Miss Kane musically bridged at the piano, the scene was set for the second and final act of "It Could Only Happen at Oakie Knollie." In addition to the characters of the first act there were Pfc. Jim Black as Miss Jemimah Black, the nurse; and Gunnery Sergeant L. A. (Pee-Wee) Krummel as the patient.

Pee-Wee held the center of the stage (flat on the operating table) and was the focal point of audience attention with his Bacchanalian ad libs.

Butch Weprich paid a short tribute to the captain and then Miss G. M. (Granny) Johnson presented Dr. Livingston with a saddle-tan, grain leather overnight bag and zipper folio from the group.

Captain Livingston arose for the third and last time to tell the rarest of all his jokes. This concluded the program, save for the fact that everyone lingered for awhile to exchange autographs on place cards.

PARTY NOTES

A corsage of two gardenias and a pink camellia was pinned on Mrs. Livingston by Pfc. Alvin Durboraw, a patient whose hand has become useful through Dr. Livingston's surgery.

Plt. Sgt. Albert Blaisdell pen-and-inked every place card for the affair.

A bar was available to the "mighty 90"—exclusively.

The menu consisted of shrimp salad, potato gumbo soup, tuscelli paste, filet mignon, green beans, browned potatoes, rolls, jelly, coffee, cookies and ice cream.

Large yellow candles (four directly in front of Capt. Livingston) and white stock flowers from the hospital greenhouse decorated the tables.

Smiling Spars Serve USCG

"A bit of old Erin" is Helen Keane, Sp(X)1c, of the U.S.C.G. (WR). Miss Keane is the Coast Guard Representative at Oak Knoll. Five days each week she is in her office on the third deck of Building 1 to advise and aid all Coast Guard patients at the hospital. Working out of the District Coast Guard Military Morale Officer in San Francisco, Helen interviews each Coast Guard patient here and at San Leandro. Purpose of these interviews is to check pay records, make claims for lost gear, arrange for Welfare loans and



Helen Keane, Sp(X)1c, USCG, (WR)

legal assistance, in short, to give her specialized attention to any problem that arises.

Besides spending five days a week here Miss Keane visits Mare Island once every two weeks to iron out the difficulties of Hooligan's Navy there.

At the present time she has about fifty Coast Guard patients on her roster.

The "bit of old Erin" came out during our interview. Though she was born in Massachussetts, Helen attended schools in both Ireland and England and returned to this country with a heavy brogue. She has been a Spar for about fifteen months now.

She wants to pass along the word to any Coast Guardsmen with military troubles that she is only too glad to help in straightening them out and advises them to call at her office any day except Saturday.

It is requested that all men of the Jewish Faith who desire to observe Passover contact the Assistant Personnel Officer and make arrangements for the same prior to 1200 on April 13, 1946.

Top Name Bands Entertain



Jan Garber

Jan Garber and Emil Coleman Sign Oak Knoll's Musical Guest Register

The compound was rockin' in rhythm again last Tuesday when another top name band, Jan Garber, set up his instruments and shoved off into an afternoon and evening of the best in dance music. Mr. Garber, who is a dapper little man, adds zest to every number his orchestra plays, also wields a mean fiddle. His well-balanced band of five brass, four saxes, bass, drums and piano had a wide variety of musical entertainment to offer, from the sweet and heavenly "Once in a While" to a wild arrangement of Basie's "One O'clock Jump."

The casanovas in blue and green with their gals, troupng down to the auditorium, were lulled and thrilled by the vocals of Joan Carroll, the tall ravishing blonde with the honey voice, and Tommy Traynor, recently discharged veteran, whose rendition of "Night and Day," Sinatra - style brought screams from both the audience and Miss Carroll.

As an opener Jan and his men played an hour and a half show starting at 1500. Some of the best numbers were "Blue Skies," "Hawaiian War Chant," "Doin' What Comes Naturally," featuring Joan Carroll and a quartet from the band, and Tommy Traynor's rendition of the immortal "Temptation."

Oak Knoll says thanks to Jan Garber and his orchestra for an afternoon and evening of the finest music for listening and dancing.

To Oak Knoll last Thursday, from the Mural Room of the St. Francis Hotel, came society's famous bandmaster, Emil Coleman, his piano and his orchestra. From the wards in the highland and from the wards situated in the lowland, came a music loving audience to hear the sweet octaves of Emil Coleman's ivory keyboard.

First chords of Mr. Coleman's theme echoed through the jam-packed auditorium at 1400 on 11 April. The preceding hour unraveled itself in a maze of sweet notes and scintillating harmonies. Now and again Emil Coleman would gently coax his piano into the favorite melodies of yesterday and today.

Coleman's entrance into the field of musical entertainment dates back to the era of Isam Jones and the beginning of the famous Paul Whiteman. He preferred the beauty of a sweet, mellow, slow tune and always steered clear of the "hot stuff." As a result, Emil Coleman has become famous as the foremost society bandleader in the country. From the orchestra pit of New York's Waldorf Astoria, Coleman has provided the musical background for many noteworthy society parties and occasions. He signaled for the downbeat on Mendelsohnn's famous "Wedding March" at the marriage of Ambassador Richard Davies' daughter and the nuptial agreement of socialite Brenda Frazier and John "Shipwreck" Kelly.

Off the Bookshelf

Books on Law and Lawyers

Your Legal Rights, by Kling. Basic points and advice about law for the average person.

The Great Mouthpiece, by Fowler. Fictional biography of the criminal lawyer William Fallon.

Gentlemen of the Jury, by Wellman. Amusing experiences in open court and behind the scenes.

Night Rider, by Warren. A story of violence in the Kentucky tobacco war when the growers attempt force to gain fair prices.

The Best Is Yet, by Ernst. Free wheeling comments by an attorney about sailing, censorship, carpentry and banking experiences.

The Just and Unjust, by Cozens. A dramatic novel showing how personal crises shape the course of a murder trail.

Clarence Darrow for the Defense, by Stone. The life of a famous defense lawyer.

Inside the FBI, by Floherty. A graphic and lively picture of the work of the FBI in peace and war.

Backbone of the Herring, by Judge Bok. Reflections growing out of the author's cases.

Yankee from Olympus, by Bowen. A delightful biography by Justice Holmes, his family and the national scene.

Yankee Lawyer, by Train. The full story of Ephraim Tutt whose court adventures have amused many.

County Lawyer, by Partridge. A son tells of his father's work in upper New York State in the late nineteenth century.

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Two or three room apartment or before May 9, preferably close to the hospital. Please contact PhM2c C. C. Young, Main Gate, Ext. 196.

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Umpire of baseball game between Oak Knoll and Berkeley. Please contact W. E. Mulkeen at OMA Office.

A ride to Chicago or nearby port any time. Prefer officer's or enlisted man's wife. Contact Mr. H. L. Boyd, Sw. 9476.

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Emil Coleman

Our Doctor

To Captain Clyde L. Bozarth, (MC) USN, nearly nineteen years of Naval service has offered more adventure and experience than most men would see in their entire lifetime. Our new Chief of Pathology hails from the state of Missouri, where he attended Missouri State College and St. Louis Medical School.

Doctor Bozarth entered the Navy in 1927 as a lieutenant (jg), in-



Capt. Clyde L. Bozarth, (MC) USN

trained at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va., and was then transferred to Hampton Roads Air Station (Captain Ernest E. King was then Commanding Officer). He was soon sent to sea on the USS Wright as junior medical officer under the command of the then Captain Aubrey Fitch. The following years were spent studying laboratory procedures and pathology at the Naval Medical School and serving tours of duty at Bremerton, Cañico and with the South China Patrol. He was with the Fourth Marines in the International Settlement at Shanghai during the Japanese attack in 1937.

After two quiet years as pathologist at Philadelphia Naval Hospital, he again went to sea on the cruiser St. Louis, which survived the Pearl Harbor attack. Doctor Bozarth managed to make ship before she got underway, having dodged several bursts from strafing planes. On the St. Louis, he saw action in the Aleutians, Gilberts and Marshalls. After a short period as Director of Laboratories at Bethesda, Md., he returned to the Pacific as Malaria Control Officer for the First Marine Division during the Cape Gloucester and Pelilieu campaigns.

Dr. Bozarth's tent was pitched over a buried Japanese torpedo set as a time bomb. Luckily a heavy rainstorm exposed a slight area of metal permitting its discovery, which was followed by very prompt action. Following this narrow escape, he was placed in the more peaceful positions as the executive officer of the Naval Medical School and then as Chief of Pathology at our own Oak Knoll.

Blind Veteran Donates His Blood for Needy Patients

By CPL. RAY AVERETT, USMCR.

Says Carl Bennett of 2105 Foothill Blvd., Oakland: "Just because the war is over is no reason to forget the men who fought it." Carl took a sip of black coffee the technician gave him, "I know there are men here who lost blood fighting for me. It's only right that I give it back to them."

Carl Bennett blind World War I veteran, came all the way from Alameda Naval Air Station to Oak Knoll Hospital's Blood Bank Center to make his eighth blood donation. Carl works in the Fabric Shop, Naval Air Station, where he sews, covers wings and other plane parts with fabric. When told he couldn't do rib-stitching, which requires accurate spacing, Carl immediately improvised a gadget to space by touch. His method makes his work 20% more efficient than average work done by workers who have their sight.

Auto Accident

Carl lost his sight as the result of an auto accident in 1938. Forty-four stitches were required to repair his face after being thrown through the windshield. Day by day his eyesight became dimmer. One morning he awoke in total darkness. The shock was overwhelming. Carl lapsed into a lethargy of despair. In a short time he lost over 60 pounds from sheer worry. At this point Carl had reached a crucial moment, which meant making a fateful decision that would determine his future happiness or—misery for the rest of his life; summoning his courage and common sense he determined to make the most of his handicap. Carl's philosophy is a good one for those of us who have been handicapped by injuries in World War II. As he puts it, "if you only look around you, you'll see people much worse off than you are." How many of us with two good eyes fail to see the misfortune around us!

Old Acquaintance Renewed

When I was dispatched to the Blood Bank to get Carl's story I had no idea who he was. Upon introducing myself however, a quizical look came into his face and as I sat down we voiced our recognition instantaneously. Carl recognized my voice and I remembered meeting him and his "seeing eye," Eric, at the Naval Air Station about eight months ago when I was touring war plants with the Naval Industrial Incentive Division. "Small world," they say—

Speaking of his faithful, big, black, German shepherd, Carl says, "Eric really knows his business. I feel much safer with Eric than with any of my friends. Sometimes they fail to see awnings and barber poles, and I get knocked off my feet. But not Eric, he keeps his mind on his business and leads me around anything he thinks too low

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Openings Now For Ex-Service Techs

Scientific organizations and bureaus within the Navy Department (Office of Industrial Relations, Naval Ordnance Testing Stations, Daniel Taylor Model Basin, United States Naval Academy Post-Graduate School, Bureau of Personnel, and Bureau of Medicine) are in continuing need of technically trained men. In order to keep the Navy's research program functioning in the post-war period, Naval personnel who are interested in becoming technical civilian employees of one of the above named activities are invited to send through official channels to the Bureau of Naval Personnel their application for Naval transfer to one of the above commands.

Statements of education and experience, plus endorsements of commanding officers, should be furnished. After having been released from service, those desiring to accept employment as civilians may make their application to Officer of Industrial Relations, Office of the Secretary of the Navy.

Persons with college degrees in aeronautical, electrical, hydraulic, mechanical and radio engineering, naval architecture, physics, chemistry, mathematics, educational psychology or administration psychology or more advanced work in those fields are invited to apply.

World War II Veterans Hired as UNO Guards

(SEA)—Six World War II veterans, viewed as the nucleus of an international police force, have been hired by the United Nations Organization to make a 24-hour security patrol of the Hunter College campus, where UNO's security council is in session.

Additional members of a permanent security guard are being recruited to replace the Marine Corps contingent of four officers and 75 enlisted men on 30-day guard duty at the council meetings. The Marines were picked from 7,500 at Camp Lejeune, N. C., and all are veterans of combat in World War II.

Molly: "How come you call your boy friend Pilgrim?"

Mary: "'Cause every time he calls he makes a little progress."

Civilian Recalls Great S.F. Quake

Surrounded by a mist of typewriters, adding machines and hosts of other twentieth century inventions that would be found on a well dressed yeoman's desk, sits Miss Lynn B. O'Brien. Gray-haired, likeable Miss O'Brien holds forth in her glass enclosed office, now and then looks up from her check writing machine to toss motherly glances at her younger cohorts.

This week's civilian of the week



Miss Lynn B. O'Brien

is an important member of a hard working group of people that make up Oak Knoll's Disbursing Office. Miss O'Brien holds the stately title of Fiscal Accounting Clerk and her duties center around some five thousand checks that Uncle Sam issues to the various factors of the hospital personnel. The recipients of Miss O'Brien's labors are civilian employees and the hospital's officers, both male and female. Miss O'Brien's favorite and by far the most popular check is the much dreamed about one that signifies mustering out pay. When all the checks are safely delivered, Miss O'Brien plunges into the business of casualty claims and the necessary public voucher disbursements.

Fifty-seven years ago this loveable little lady opened a pair of new-born eyes to gaze upon the city of San Francisco. How well she remembers the tragedy that descended upon her native town in April of 1906, that disastrous earthquake that unearthed San Francisco. Miss O'Brien vividly recalls that early April morn when a violent shake dislodged her from her bed, and the titanic roar that caused frightening goose-pimples.

Miss O'Brien first offered her services to the government in 1935 and was sent to duty on the Mexican border. The next five years were spent in that romantic little Mexican town of Tijuana, in the offices of Immigration and Naturalization. In 1943 Miss Lynn O'Brien passed through the portals of Oak Knoll and the auditing of Navy checks became her child and companion.

Blood Bank Draws from Healthy—Gives to Needy

"Traders in Hemoglobin" is perhaps no less commercial-sounding a term than "Blood Bank," but it might be a good substitute, for it at least implies that the matter of getting blood into the veins that need it most is not just a function of a blood-storage icebox. It implies that the problem of getting and giving needed blood is one that involves human effort, and a large one.

True, there is an icebox involved. But here at Oak Knoll as elsewhere, it is the manner in which blood flows into and out of that icebox that is a matter of the highest concern to a staff scientifically wary of what blood can do and what it can't do. It can be good or it can be bad.

In fact, for a long while in medicine dealings with blood were mainly bad. In the Middle Ages and before, the consensus was that best use of blood in disease was to spill it on the ground, and probably more gallons of blood were tapped from sick persons in those days in the hope of drawing off the "evil humours" than have been administered to the sick in modern times since the development of transfusion science. Theories, it seems, have changed. While it is still considered more blessed to give than to receive, we now believe it is healthier to receive, when one is sick.

What happens when a patient needs blood at Oak Knoll? What



PhM2c E. R. Welch draws a pint of rare Rh factor blood from the arm of Chief Pharmacist Joseph Fortunato.

most people know is that a phone call is made, a Blood Bank technician says, "Yes, sir," and at the requested time the blood is taken to the ward by a ward corpsman and in another few minutes is dripping into a new blood-vascular system.

What everybody doesn't know is that thereby hangs a tale, running something like this: One morning maybe a week before the blood is given, roughly 100 civilian Navy employees at Hunter's Point go without breakfast. And on that



Lt. Comdr. Margaret McNamara operates the Blood Bank's centrifuge. This machine whirls the blood at tremendous speed which causes the plasma to separate from the whole blood.

same morning Oak Knoll's hemoglobin traders whizz out of the compound in a field ambulance loaded to the ceiling with their equipment and themselves, intent as mosquitoes on drawing 100 pints of blood from the hundred hungry civilians.

The hour, 0700, is hardly that of a bank opening. And the hour of "knocking off" is not to come until late that night. Meantime a long procedure is to be observed. Hemoglobin traders do not take blood from anybody. There are age limits, temperature limits, blood pressure limits, and hemoglobin minimums to be met. The would-be donor must answer a barrage of questions concerning past health, and for his own safety must have an examination of nose, throat, heart, and lungs by one of Oak Knoll's migratory internes. If he passes all these exams, he is privileged to give a pint of blood, for which he receives hot coffee and doughnuts and an invitation to donate again in 8 weeks. The traders are sharp dealers. They consider this an even trade.

First of all, samples of each pint of blood must be prepared so that they can be classified later according to type. This keeps the centrifuge whining overtime. Then the serology technicians make their contributions to the job, for a serological test for syphilis must be made on each blood sample before the blood can be given. In addition, a "cephalin-cholesterol flocculation test" is done on each of

the blood samples, a positive result being considered indirect evidence that the donor has or has had a liver disease called infectious hepatitis, capable of transmission in blood or plasma. This is a precaution observed here, but probably nowhere else in the Navy. It results in withholding several pints from every hundred donors.

Not until the next day has it been determined that the blood is fit for use, and then the process of typing begins. Each blood sample must be typed not only according to the well-know A, B, AB, or O classification, but also as to the "Rh factor" which only in the past few years has been found so important in explaining unfavorable reactions to blood after repeated transfusions and in the causation of the disease in new-borns called erythroblastosis fetalis.

Assume now that we are at the end of the second day since the donor missed his breakfast. The Blood Bank tech and the serology tech have missed several meals and many winks. They lean sleepy-eyed on the refrigerator door and gloat for a second over the rows of prepared, labeled blood, waiting to be poured into new vascular systems.

Then the tired tech flops into his sack in a room right there in the bank. He may be there two hours, but just as likely two minutes when the telephone drags him out. And this is where we came in. He says, "Yes, sir."

But the circle hasn't been com-

pleted yet. The tech still has scale Oak Knoll's bluffs, take sample of blood from the patient go hand over hand back down the Blood Bank lab, and do "cross-match" with the patient and donor's bloods. For, in spite of the fact that all of the precautions described have been taken and that only blood of the same type and Rh factor will be given the patient, this final practical test of compatibility must be performed. When the hemoglobin trader has found a compatible blood, a doctor must check by microscopic observation. And the battle is over for the technician—for one transfusion. He goes through this performance on average more than 200 times a month. One Oak Knoll patient alone has used as much as 42 pints of blood in as many days.

This is the story of one kind of blood circulation. The circulation of the blood through the vessels of the body is another, longer story still incompletely known, first described by William Harvey in England in 1628. Harvey must have been unaware that blood would someday have a far wider circulation, among individuals. And to the hustling, laboring Blood Bank technician there is something uncannily predictive about



Blood typing is one of the most vital jobs. Above HAlc J. A. Lerner bends over his microscope to assure accurate cross matching.

title of Harvey's treatise. The paper was called "Anatomical Exercise on the Motion of the Heart and Blood of Animals."

Capt. Bozarth Becomes New Chief of Pathology

On April first, Capt. Clyde Bozarth, (MC) USN, relieved Comdr. David A. Wood, (MC) USNR, as Chief of Pathology and Officer in Charge of the laboratory building. Capt. Bozarth announced that there will be a 6 month course commencing April 15, open to Chiefs, first class, and second class, (USN only) graduating with laboratory technician certificate.

The Sporting Scene



Bob Jones connects with a mighty upward swing that sends the stitched sphere skyward in a recent softball game won by Oak Knoll.

Oak Knoll Wins Over WesSeaFront

Last Saturday afternoon, the Oak Knoll softballers trounced the representatives of the WesSeaFront building by the overwhelming score of 15 to 3. Welch of Oak Knoll led the hitting with a driving home run over the left field and two clean hit singles out of three trips to the plate. Bob Baker and Jim Mehl tapped out 3 and 2 hits respectively. The most outstanding playing of the day was shown by pitcher Red Hamilton, who held the WesSeaFront team to 2 hits.

CALLING ALL RACKETMEN!

Oak Knoll's annual all-compound tennis tournament will begin soon. Trophies will be awarded to winners. The tournament is open to patients as well as staff. Sign up with Bob Anderson in Welfare and Recreation before April 22.

Parasite — A fellow who goes through a revolving door without pushing.

Welfare and Rec. Leads in Bowling

Team No. 2 of Welfare and Recreation still leads the bowling tourney as a result of last Monday's matches, with six wins and no losses. Tying for second place are teams No. 1 and No. 3 of Staff Medicos. No exceptional scores were turned in, but Wieler of Welfare and Recreation bowled a consistently high string.

The bowling tournament is held every Monday and Wednesday evenings, commencing at 1800.

The alleys are open from 1000 to 1600 and 1800 to 2000 Monday through Thursdays. Saturdays and Sundays they will be open from 1300 to 1600 and 1800 to 1930. Pinboys will always be available.

Chief: "Does your uniform fit?"
 Boot: "Perfectly."
 Chief: "And your hat?"
 Boot: "Perfectly."
 Chief: "And your shoes?"
 Boot: "Perfectly."
 Chief: "You must be deformed."

WOMEN IN WHITE

By Lt. Comdr. Mildred M. Morrison (NC) USN

Two of our ranks have deserted the nursing profession to assume that most important of roles in civilian life: housewife. Lt. Comdr. A. M. Liskey, (NC) USN, will take up her abode in Hagerstown, Md., and Ens. Margaret J. Farrell, (NC) USNR, in Springfield, Mo.

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The U. S. Naval Hospital, Corona, Calif., acquired four of our nurses this week: Lts. Hannah M. Smullen and Rita H. Walmsley, Lt. (jg) Rosella B. Siebels, and Ens. Luella Castro.

Ens. Betty N. Buchanan, (NC) USNR, was detached to the Dispensary, Naval Barracks, Portland, Ore.

Lt. Dorothy A. Wurch, (NC) USN, reported from N.O.B., Norfolk, Va.

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Not only have the nurses been roller-skating, horseback riding, and tennis playing, but they've also joined the ranks of the softball players as of Tuesday, April 9th, when they had their first practice on the softball field behind the Fire House. Twenty-six energetic gals have placed their "John Henry" on the dotted line. The Recreation Dept. informs us that there are to be district and compound leagues formed in which the nurses will play the Waves as well as other nurses' teams. Let's start now to make it a winning season!

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Lt. Ruth C. Connor and Lt. (jg) Laura Tabb returned recently from three months of temporary additional duty aboard the USS Rescue. They tell us that they had a most interesting tour transporting civilians and dependents to Pearl Harbor and bringing patients back to the United States. The Rescue is soon to be decommissioned so the nurses were detached to return to their former duties at this station. Miss Connor was advanced to the rank of lieutenant while aboard.

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We have discovered that flying constitutes at least one nurse's "outside interest." She is Lt. (jg) Betty J. Warden, (NC) USNR, who became interested in that pastime at her previous station—

More on Blind Veteran

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for me to pass under. Eric has the world cheated for obedience. I never have to tell him anything twice. Watch this—" Carl dropped his keys. Quick as a flash Eric planted a big foot on them, as an anxious Scotchman might step on a penny, picked the keys up, and placed them in Carl's outstretched hand. Carl repeated the action with his glove, and again Eric reacted swiftly.

Leads Normal Life

Carl served in France with the 65th Army Division during the First World War and had 14 nephews and a brother in this one. He has had experience as a mechanic and says, "I spent eight years in the 'grease' and I can change a tire or remedy certain motor troubles almost as fast as I used to."

He goes to Saturday night dances at the Moose Lodge, and attends movies with his fiancée, Miss Eva Geider of Oregon. Miss Geider, a stenographer, works for the Navy in San Francisco. At this point in the conversation Carl took Eva's picture from his pocket and proudly showed her to me.

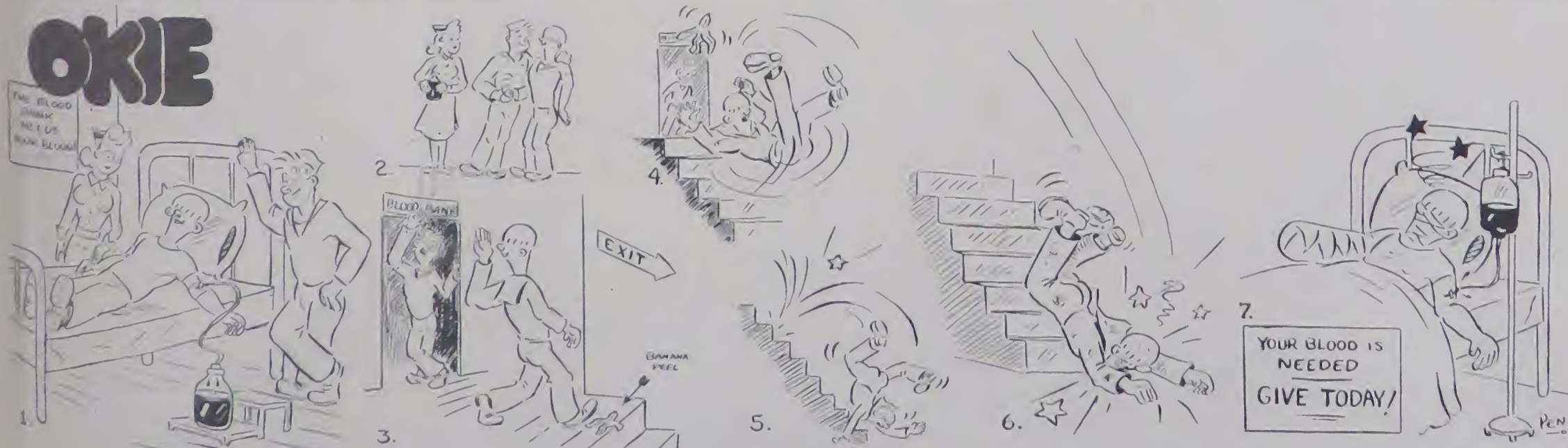
Speaking as one who greatly appreciates feminine pulchritude —. She's pretty as a picture and a very charming looking young lady.

Carl and Eva expect to exchange the vows of matrimony in a few days and are experiencing the usual housing-shortage trouble. They are in the market for a rental or sale. If you have a hot tip you might pass it along.

Oak Knoll's Navy salutes you, Carl Bennett. You have our sincere appreciation.

Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard
 To get something to quench her thirst,
 But when she got there
 The cupboard was bare—
 The old man had gotten there first.

Naval Ammunition Depot, Shumaker, Ark. She reported to this station March 2 and since that time has flown over ten hours. This week she passed the tests for her Private Pilot's License at the field in Hayward where she is taking her lessons.



“All’s Well” Goes Well With All Hands



“All’s Well,” a glamorous USO show, came to Oak Knoll on the evenings of April 2 and 3. This riotous-laugh revue wowed audiences with a fast and humorous brand of entertainment. Pictures above depict a chorus of six lovely lasses in an eye-filling conga routine. Sitting on the lap of a smiling, dancing doll is little man Cirilino.

The ears of the second and third evenings in the just begun month of April, were pierced with cheers, gaiety, and applause from Oak Knoll’s capacity filled auditorium. Along with the inauguration of April came Welfare and Recreation’s procurement of a fine USO show, rightly entitled, “All’s Well.” “All’s Well” appealed only to those who admire lovely legged chorus lines, colorful comics and solid renditions of song.

Opening the show with a crescendo of bangs was Morton Arken, drummerman extraordinary. Arken is an ex-Navy man with fifteen battle stars for service in the Pacific campaigns and was recently discharged to return to his vocation of beating the skins.

Outstanding in this parade of entertainment was Ullis and Clark an elderly male and female comedy riot. Their routine of laugh provoking situations and stories was interspersed with numerous guffaws and an occasional unmistakable blush from the gentler side of the audience.

Labeled as a show stopper and definite enhancement to any performance was Fortunello and Cirilino, a hilarious slap-stick combination. Their book of novelties included the delicate arts of tumbling and balancing. The laugh climax of the act came when little man Cirilino jumped from the stage and ran down the aisles playing the clarinet.

Not to be forgotten for some time to come was a lilting, loveable and shapely trio answering to the name of “Lila, Dottie and Marcia.” Rounding out this rip-roaring salute to fun and enjoyment was Lynn Lestie, a singer of torrid torch ballads and a chorus line of six dancing lasses.

All went well on the evenings of April 2 and 3.

Scuttlebutt

One of the finer elements of Oak Knoll’s staff personnel is leaving for the North country. Say goodbye to **PhMlc Johnny Lake**, who is headed for Seattle, Wash., for schooling in X-ray.

Then there’s **Charles McMannon** of Patient Personnel who breaks into Scuttlebutt because he blows his Navy allowance on a cute little civvie co-worker, buying her coffee every morning down Ship Service way.

Friends of **Mary Ireland** and **Larry Pequet** figured out that all is not well with these two. The latest dirt is that **Larry** is going into the embalming business. In fact, he’s just “dying to get into the racket.” Get it! Embalming-dying!!

An unofficial Chief Petty Officers’ Club has been born in the far corner of the Ship Service lobby. Each morning 10 or 12 staunch representatives of USN congregate to discuss the past three wars. This “harbor for hash-marks” contains more gold than the vaults of Gensler Lee or Tiffany’s.

And, speaking of chiefs, may we pass the word of the arrival of a new Chief Master-at-Arms to assist and augment Chief **Rowe** and his rovians. Introducing Chief Pharmacist Mate **Albert S. Ford**, who started active combat duty on the docks of Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941.

There’s always a wise guy in any crowd. With most military people hopping the fastest bus to discharge land, two Waves signed over ‘til July, 1947. Their names—**Betty Zehorchak** and **Jsroslava Dvorak**.

A fine character, a gent of wit and lovable corn, a patient, assisting in the writing and publication

of *Oak Leaf*, has left us temporarily for a ceremony involving a “Love, Honor and Obey” routine. Sgt. **John Talevich** will shortly marry ex-Oak Knoll Wave **Mary Bryde** in Wichita, Kan. **Johnny** farewelled the *Oak Leaf* with these last words, “sure, **Mary** was always a **Bryde**, but things are going to be different now.”

Graphic Arts threw a party Friday evening in recognition of the departure of two of their more talented camera clickers. Goodbye, **Al Schlesinger**, so long **J. E. Tomme**.

And the best of everything to you, **Eddie Parsons** and your wife, come 1500 this afternoon.

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Officers Detached . . .

Lt. Comdr. Frederick E. Knight, USNR; Lt. (jg) Henry T. Johnson, MC, USNR; Lt. (jg) Harold H. Jones, MC, USNR.

Visitor: “I suppose all this talk we hear about a sailor’s life being nothing but wine, women and song is extremely exaggerated.”

Barracks MAA: “It sure is. I haven’t heard any singing in the barracks lately.”

MOIPHY

By Penberthy



“WHERE’S THE MAN WE PICKED UP IN RENO, NEVADA?”



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Bellbottoms May Be Here To Stay

During the war, with the number of Navy personnel at an all-time high, there arose a demand from certain groups of enlisted men for a change in the traditional sailor suit. This pressure apparently was and is initiated almost entirely by the Reservists, who are actually civilians at heart and proud of it, not intending to make a career in uniform, although they did a magnificent wartime job. They prefer, as civilians, to choose clothes to suit their own tastes and would have liked to have done so while in the Navy. On the other hand the Regular, having chosen the life of the sea, does not object to his prescribed uniform and, what is more, is proud of the tradition that has gone with it through the years.

The main objections voiced in *Yank*, *Our Navy* and similar publications are: 1) the sailor suit looks childish, lacks dignity, especially for the older hands; 2) lacks pocket space, even for the carrying of necessities such as a wallet, letters and large papers; and 3) is awkward in its thirteen buttons, zipper-tight jumper and otherwise too-tight pants. Those who are against changing it say that jumper and pants with thirteen buttons are durable, easy to wash, require little stowage space and have a distinctiveness which the newly proposed battlejacket and overseas cap could never achieve.

The persistence of those advocating a change, plus the desire of responsible authorities to keep the Navy in step with the streamlining of other services, has resulted in a new uniform, currently undergoing trial in an eastern Naval district. Enlisted men's blues and greys consist of the Eisenhower-type battlejacket with regular civilian-cut pants and overseas cap, while the whites have white duck pants, dress white shirt, black tie and the white sailor hat now in use.

How do the men feel about their uniforms, proposed and traditional? A recent poll taken by *Our Navy* magazine reveals that 74.1 per cent of the sailors questioned were against any change, and only about 2½ per cent favored adoption of the proposed innovation. The question now stands as to how the opinion of the man concerned will effect the uniform he must wear.

Divine Services

Protestant:	Catholic:
Chaplains—E. C. Andrews, C. D. Chrisman, J. A. Talley, W. F. Summers.	Chaplains—Nicholas F. Gruber, J. P. Griffin.
Sunday—	Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130.
Morning Service 1000	Weekday Mass—0800 and 1630.
Communion Service 1100	Confessions before all Masses.
Evening Vespers 1930	Novena and Benediction, 1630 Tuesday.
Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800.	Catholic Chaplain's offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.
Choir—Tuesday & Thursday, 1400-1500.	
Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.	Jewish:
Christian Science:	Divine Service—2000 Friday, conducted by Mr. Bernard Miran.
Wartime minister will be at the reception office in the Chapel every Tuesday at 1400 to 1600.	The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1900 to 2000 on Fridays.
L. D. S. (Mormon):	
Services 1930 Thursday.	

Special Divine Services For Easter

Oak Knoll's annual Easter sunrise service is scheduled to begin at 0700 tomorrow in the amphitheater. The sunrise service will feature special Easter music.

Chaplain Andrews will deliver the Easter message at the regular

1100 Protestant divine service. Holy communion will be celebrated at the close of the service.

In addition to regular 0630 and 1130 masses Catholics will celebrate Easter at a special Easter high mass at 0830.

The Resurrection of Christ

No single event in history can compare with the resurrection of Christ in its effects on the fortunes and experience of mankind. Therefore, if there is any theme worthy of consideration, it is this. We, Christians, may inquire how the New Testament represents it. The writers of the New Testament speak of the resurrection of Christ as a fulfillment of prophecy, as a fact, and as a pledge.

The Christian Scriptures describe the resurrection of Christ as a fulfillment of prophecy. The interpretation of the Scriptures by all the church-fathers leave no shadow of doubt that the resurrection of Christ was repeatedly foretold in the Old Testament. St. Luke reports from the risen Christ the words: "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory?" St. Peter declares that Patriarch David before "Spoke of the resurrection of Christ." St. Paul also affirms "that the promise which was made unto our fathers, God hath fulfilled the same unto us, their children, in that He hath raised up Jesus again."

No hesitation is needed in deciding the meaning of these words of the Apostles. Their opinion is unanimous. Their interpretation is authoritative. The church-fathers believed that the resurrection of Christ was repeatedly foretold in the Old Testament, and that it was fulfilled in the event.

The writers of the New Testament speak of the resurrection of Christ as a fact. St. Peter preached, "Jesus whom ye slew and hanged on a tree, Him hath God raised up." It was stated as a literal fact. The scenes at the sepulchre and the disappearance of His body were given in minute detail. "The Lord is risen, indeed," is a declaration unequivocal, emphatic, and iterated. Their faith was based upon it. That was most precious to them in their lives they staked upon it. Martyrs freely poured out their blood in testimony that it was a fact.

Those who testified to the resurrection of Christ were numerous. St. Paul declared there were above 500 persons who from their personal knowledge could affirm of the Lord's resurrection. Even the evidence provided by the twelve Disciples themselves is convincing. The authority of a single historian often establishes important matters of history. The oaths of a thousand men could be no stronger than the unanimous testimony of the twelve and of the 500. They were present in the places and at the times the events occurred. They examined the evidence, and they believed. They had been close companions of Christ for from one to three years or more. They had studied His every feature, and look, and gesture. They must have been able to recognize Him. They saw Him near at hand, many times, in broad daylight. They handled His wounded limbs and listened to His wonderful voice. If these means of knowing the truth were not enough, then no opportunities should be sufficient. It is impossible that so many men, possessing the abilities and the experience they possessed, could have been duped. The testimony of the witnesses to the resurrection is conclusive.

The Apostolic view of the resurrection of Christ sets it forth as a pledge or certificate of our redemption from the Kingdom of Death. The Apostles regarded His resurrection as a supernatural seal on His mission. They thought that thereby God openly confirmed the promises of Christ. They considered that thereby was shown to men God's blessed grace, His forgiveness of sins, and His pledge of a heavenly immortality.

Wherever the Apostles preached they appealed to the resurrection of the appointed messenger, and to the confirmation of the good things that He brought. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to His abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." "He hath God raised on high by His right hand, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins." "Be it known unto you, therefore, men, brethren, that through Him whom God raised again is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins." "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." "If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain: ye are yet in your sins." Here undeniably the resurrection of Christ is made the condition of salvation.

In many places in Scripture where the importance of the death of Christ is stressed, there immediately follows a reference to His resurrection. His death is referred to as the preparatory step to His resurrection. "It is Christ that died, yea, rather, that is, risen again, who is now at the right hand of God." "He died for them and rose again." The significance of the mission of Jesus is found in His resurrection. It is the visible proof and pledge of our redemption. By God's grace we see in the resurrection of Christ our own release from death's spectral domain to the splendors of heaven's immortal life.

CHAPLAIN E. C. ANDREWS, U.S.N.

Lt. Sherrill Leaves Staff

To Balboa Park last week, for separation from the Waves, went merry Mary, able Mabel Sherrill. With her went the hospital's honest regrets and the grateful appreciation of all hands for a toilsome job superbly well done.

For nearly two years this accommodating lieutenant sparked Oak Knoll's public information



Lt. Mary M. Sherrill

service and justifiably earned compound-wide recognition as "that happy bright-eyed gal who really gets things done."

As Public Information Officer, Miss Sherrill held the keystone responsibility of representing and safeguarding all written and spoken relationships of the hospital with the outside world. In dealing with press, radio and all outside groups, she employed a rare tact and understanding that distinguished her work and won her the unanimous favor of all with whom she came in contact. Bay Area press representatives looked to Miss Sherrill for accuracy and speed when Oak Knoll news became city or national news, and she always willingly responded. As a link to the outside, Miss Sherrill was not only a direct wire—she was a live wire.

Publicity contacts were only a share of her responsibility here. Although it is a little-known fact, scores of telegrams and letters from all over the world come to this hospital monthly. Most of them are written by friends and next-of-kin of patients. These communications, usually of a personal and intimate nature, require immediate, and accurate answer. The writers of the messages range from senators to jilted taxi dancers who want their bluejackets back. To each sound, good-humored Miss Sherrill supplied full informative answers.

The preparation of hospital information booklets, holiday programs and medical society an-

Red Cross Helps To Procure Only Emergency Leaves

There are many who have the erroneous impression that Red Cross has the power to obtain leaves. Our part is not to obtain leaves but to assist you in obtaining a leave. The final yes or no decision is given by the military.

Red Cross can assist by verifying the necessity of your presence at home. If the military approves the leave, Red Cross can further assist you by helping you plan how you are going to finance the trip, or in cases of emergency, by extending a loan. Available transportation and how to obtain it are explained, as well as what to do if the emergency continues after the leave time has expired.

If, however, the military believes the reason is not emergent enough to warrant a leave, or if they believe it is medically inadvisable for you to travel at the present time, your leave will be denied. You may still feel that the emergency at home will not be relieved without your presence or without some outside assistance. Your request to go home has been denied, but the outside assistance is always available. The Red Cross is the link between you and your family and through them the necessary assistance can be given.

nouncements were also guided by this lieutenant who, in spite of these heavy assignments, found time to edit the *Oak Leaf*.

Before she entered the Navy as an ensign in February, 1943, Miss Sherrill was the Spry Kitchen manager for Lever Bros. shortening products in Cambridge, Mass. Her education training, a B. S. in foods and nutrition from Iowa State, provided excellent preparation for her work. In the Spry Kitchen she did pioneer experimental cooking and testing. Many of the delectable cakes, cookies and pies seen in national food advertising were the handiwork of the Sherrill cooking skill. Here at Oak Knoll she still clung to the range and as a result provided enlisted Waves with the tasty, fresh doughnuts for their annual breakfasts-in-bed on Christmas morning. Her discriminating knowledge as a hostess enabled her to serve with distinction on many Officers' Club entertainment committees, too.

Her first job at Oak Knoll was Women's Reserve Representative, a position she held from July, 1943 to June, 1944, when she received the collateral assignment of Public Information Officer. In September, 1944, she became full time officer in charge.

Upon transfer, popular, intensely-loyal Miss Sherrill left as many of her own regrets as Oak Knoll expressed in losing her.

Recent Wedding In Chapel



Years, decades and even generations may pass away, but to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edward Farrell, March 23, 1946 will always be a pleasant anniversary. Until Chaplain Joseph A. Talley performed the ceremony at the hospital chapel the bride was Ens. Marjorie Jane Schneider, NC.

Patients Invited To St. Moritz Ice Review

For those who like the glittering skates and graceful skill of expert ice skating, there is a treat coming. On Tuesday, April 23, the San Francisco USO Council is presenting, for all-ambulatory patients from the Bay Area hospitals, a fast-moving Ice Revue, staged by the famous St. Moritz Club.

This is the 9th Annual Ice Revue to be given by the St. Moritz, and it includes large ensembles, richly costumed, ballets, solos performed by stars of national ice competitions, comedy sketches and decorative stage settings on ice. Regular public performances will be given after this Tuesday, but the patients will have the opportunity of previewing the show at Berkeley's famed Iceland. Sign up now with Welfare and Recreation for your ticket.

The Welfare and Recreation Department announced today that tickets for the spring and summer operettas scheduled for the Curran Theater in San Francisco will be for sale here next week. Tickets for "Robert," "The Vagabond King" and "The Fortune Teller" will be available.

Surplus Property Sold to Sailors

Navy ship services plan to throw open their merchandising gates and invite all wearers of the blue serge to enter the selected circle of buyers who deal with the War Assets Administration. This is the government sponsored agency whose duties involve the selling of military holdovers, which range from regulation Wave bobby pins to huge mortar-pulling half tracks. War Assets Administration representatives will be smiling over filled counters of rare commodities to all Navy personnel who partake of this opportunity.

The special ship service purchasing plan is under a 90-day trial and all business transactions for centralization reasons will be through the medium of the Treasure Island Ship Service.

The necessary formality for purchasing any surplus item is, first, the agreement that War Assets Administration will sell the wanted merchandise. The Navy buyer then places his order with the Treasure Island Ship Service and at the same time pays for the purchase. Arrangements are then made for the delivery of the item to the individual.

Senior Chaplain Relieved



Chaplain Charles D. Chrisman, left, who will soon be leaving Oak Knoll to be discharged, welcomes his relief, Chaplain Edgar C. Andrews. Comdr. Andrews has just completed tours of duty on the USS Colorado and at Treasure Island.

Cacophonous Rumpus Brought to Wards

Ward 74A honored ten patients whose birthdays are in the month of April with a Crazy Comic Strip party complete with birthday cake, ice cream and candy sticks. The "second childhood" theme was carried out to the extent of making paper hats out of funny papers. This had its advantages and obvious disadvantages when a comic strip quiz was provided. At this point the hats were promptly removed and scrutinized for any possible answers. S1c W. Nicholson and EM2c C. E. Frank displayed their knowledge by being able to identify every comic strip character. Anyone wishing to catch up on past episodes of Lil' Abner or Terry and the Pirates may contact these two authorities.

"Sure, I know her, she played in 'Kitty.' That's Paulette Goddard." And so it goes as the patients work out the Movie Star photo quiz. Wednesday afternoon wards 70A and 70B looked each glamorous photograph over and tried to put the correct names to the famous faces. It paid dividends to MusM2c E. F. Fitzpatrick and Chief F. L. Whalen of ward 70A to know their movie stars. High score man in 70B was Y3c A. B. Sheffield.

A forerunner to Easter festivities appeared on 44A Wednesday night, April 10, in the form of an Easter party given by the charming University of California YWCA girls.

"Bones" rolled rapidly as patients and their lovely hostesses played Easter bunny. Then out came gear which each girl had brought with her and soon patients were designing Easter chapeau for their feminine models. After the hats were completed the models

paraded for the patients and judges and prizes were awarded for the funniest and the prettiest creations.

An unexpected quirk developed when patient Dougherty appeared in the model line wearing a lovely hat designed for him by his feminine companion.

Ward Entertainment

Again the AWVS ward show was a big success! The ever popular Ardden De Camp, violinist from the Balalaika, put all the patients in dreamy moods with her singing and playing. These dreamy moods were quickly changed by the boogie-woogie pianist, Maurice Anger of KGO; trumpeter, Lenny Rapose, orchestra leader at Club Alabama; and Oak Knoll's own bull fiddler, Lee Isom of ward 74A. The group obligingly played many of the requests of their most appreciative audiences.

Veteran patients are more and more in evidence at USNH, but if you usually think of vets as only men, it will be interesting to note that on ward 69A are veterans of the nursing corps from three wars. Miss Gertrude La Page was a nurse in the United States Army during the Spanish American War. Mrs. Kathryn Straud was one of a hundred Red Cross nurses of British ancestry to enlist as American nurses in World War I. Mrs. Straud served in both England and France. The rest of the patients on 69A are of World War II and there is much to be discussed concerning the various wars.

CASE OF THE WEEK

Bob Seaman's Spine Almost Snipped by Japanese Sniper

Although Pfc. Robert Seaman, formerly of the Third Marine Regiment, resembles Bronko Nagurski about as much as a greyhound does a water buffalo, he goes by the chummy nom de 'ospital "Muscles."

As a "two-year" patient on Ward 43A, Bob has come a long way up the Road of Recovery since a Jap sniper's bullet broke his neck at Bougainville in early November, 1943. The same slug penetrated his left shoulder, exploded and compound fractured the scapula.

For 19 days he was in a coma, completely paralyzed. He only was able to blink his eyes, distinguishing light from dark but unable to discern any objects placed in his line of vision.

Three days after being wounded "Muscles" underwent emergency surgery. From the left axillary fold, which was opened and enlarged, two bullet fragments were removed. The wound in his neck was enlarged in an unsuccessful attempt to discover the tract of the injury.

Traction was applied on his head. He was put in a cast to immobilize shoulders and neck.

A week following his injury he was able to move his lower extremities slightly and had limited triceps and pronator action in his right arm.

Evacuated by air from Bougainville to Rendova and thence to New Caledonia he was hospitalized overseas for three months before coming by ship to Oak Knoll on February 25, 1944.

In mid-March of the same year he was started on Hubbard Tank Treatments in the Physical Therapy Department. So well did Bob respond to hydrotherapy and massage that he was beginning to walk again four months later. Another five months saw him graduate from the Hubbard Tank Room to the whirlpool arm and leg tanks which he has been patronizing for a year and a half.

During the 30 months of his hospitalization Bob has had periodic drainage from the back of his left shoulder. Slivers of the bursted bullet and fragments of bone which have been removed as they worked to the skin surface cause this irritation.

While Bob walks with a limp of the left leg, there has been no damage to or atrophy of his muscles. This disability has resulted from the original paralysis of his entire body.

He has almost normal range of movement in his right arm and hand. His range of motion in the left shoulder, elbow joint, wrist and finger joints are markedly limited.

Although Bob's vision has improved so that he can see all objects easily, his eyesight does not permit him to read much. However, he is now "eyeing his way" through "Forever Amber."

Dancing is his favorite recrea-



tion. He treks everything from the Virginia Reel to the High Fling—the latter, a dignified counter of the vulgar Yankee form of violent jitterbug therapy.

As a member of the intra-ward "Wheel Chair Commandos" he has played football against the "Ward Wildmen." Bob says the exercise is great for the appetite and hard on the constitution.

For a year Bob has been on the all-patient staff of the Marine Public Information Office.

(If anyone has 25 pounds he wants to lose—and that Bob Seaman can find—please place on the rear stoop of Ward 43A. "Muscles" does not aspire to the proportions of Kate Smith or Mountain Dean, but he would like to add to his present 125 pounds.)

Officers Reporting . . .

Lieut. (jg) Hugh B. Walker (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) Percival L. Clark (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) Robert W. Webb (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) David J. Felt (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) Arley Felt (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) Ambrose J. Maghara (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) Stephen L. Magiera (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) A. Bernstein (MC), USNR; Lieut. Eugene M. Webb (MC), USNR; Lieut. Paul E. Kratz (MC), USNR; Lieut. Harold M. Hill (MC), USNR; Lieut. Lewis G. Richards (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) Antonio R. Gmorio (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) James R. Wood (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) William T. Collins (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) Robert L. Miller (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) Robert E. Miller (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) Richard H. Heaman (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) William Helms (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) E. Kerr (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) P. Rehn (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) P. McDermott (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) Edward C. Defoe, Jr. (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) William B. Mize (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) Robert D. Carlson (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) Boyd J. Larsen (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) Kenneth E. Cosgrove (MC), USNR.

Officers Detached . . .

Lt. Comdr. William J. Parnham (MC), USNR; Lt. Comdr. Agnes Conant (W)USNR; Lieut. Jack S. Tucker (MC), USNR; Lieut. Melvin J. Kirkcaldy (MC), USNR; Lieut. (jg) Morris J. Nelson (MC), USNR.

SPRING COMES TO OAK KNOLL



Welfare and Recreation Officer Greet Jan Garber at Recent Dance



During intermission at the All Hands dance held in the Ship's Service Auditorium on April 9th, Jan Garber chats backstage with Ens. C. T. Taylor, assistant Welfare and Recreation Officer.

Personnel Invited To Attend Dances at Hospitality House

The Oakland Hospitality House has extended an invitation for all personnel attached to Oak Knoll to attend one of their nightly dances. Tomorrow a special Easter musical program will be given at 1930. The 14-piece USS Aggir dance band will furnish the music for Monday and Wednesday nights. Tuesday night will feature old-fashioned dances and Thursday night will be characterized by a broadcast by the Seabee Band.

"88 Keys" Holden Excels in Jive

Want to "latch on" to some fine boogie woogie? Then you should hear Pfc. Ike Holden of Ward 42B play and sing. After the Red Cross patient talent show Tuesday afternoon, 61A and B was recommending him for his grand arrangement of "Frim Fram Sauce" and "E Bob-Le-Bob." Ike, rather shy in manner, comes from Boston, Mass., and adds that he just likes to play for the fellows who enjoy music.

SAVINGS BOND NEWS

Weekly Savings	Savings and Interest Accumulated			BUY BONDS REGULARLY • HOLD THEM • HERE'S WHAT HAPPENS
	In 1 Year	In 5 Years	In 10 Years	
\$ 3.75...	\$195.00	\$1,004.20	\$ 2,163.45	
6.25...	325.00	1,674.16	3,607.54	
12.50...	650.00	3,348.95	7,217.20	
18.75...	975.00	5,024.24	10,828.74	

Savings Bond Allotments are available to both Military and Civilian Personnel and may be registered at the Security Office, Building No. 1, Second Deck.

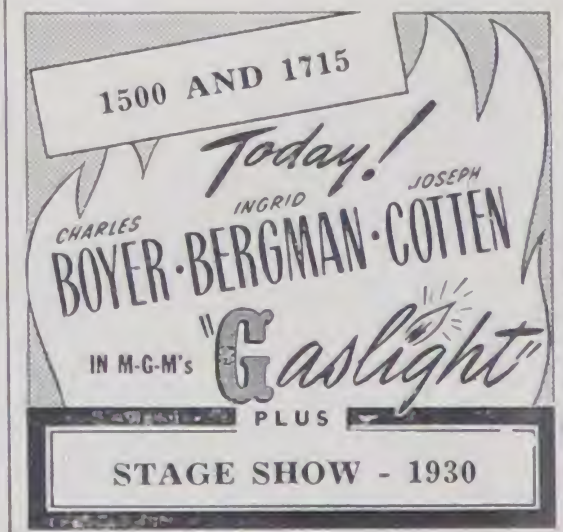
Coming Attractions



Saturday, 20 April



Sunday, 21 April



Monday, 22 April



Screen Play by HARRY RUSKIN and NIVEN BUSCH
Based on the Novel by JAMES M. CAIN
Directed by TAY GARNETT Produced by CAREY WILSON

Tuesday, 23 April



Wednesday, 24 April

A SENSATIONAL ADVENTURE IN SUSPENSE!



ALSO

Joaquin Garay's COPACABANA Stage Show at 1500.

Thursday, 25 April



Friday, 26 April

The Sporting Scene

Baseball

Last Sunday saw the Industrial Enamel nine falter before the hard-hitting Oak Knoll baseball team at the Bryant Diamond in San Francisco. Final score was Oak Knoll 5, Industrial Enamel 1. Pitcher Gil Garfield, backed by errorless fielding, held the semi-pro players down to five hits, striking out nine. Tom Nohas led the field of batting, knocking out four of our eleven hits, in five trips to the plate. The game was tied 1-1 at the end of the sixth. The seventh saw the Knollers make a two-run rally. The Enamel representatives then loaded the bases with only one away, but were thwarted in their attempt by two consecutive strike-outs by pitcher Garfield. We then clinched the game with another pair of tallies.

There will be a game next Monday, Apr. 22nd with the University of California at Berkeley.

Bowling

Last Monday night saw the Staff Doctors' bowling team No. 3 take over the tournament lead with Welfare and Recreation team No. 1 and Staff Doctors No. 1 tied for second place. In specific matches, Welfare and Rec. No. 2 lost three games to Staff Docs No. 3, Welfare and Rec. No. 1 won three over Staff Docs No. 2, and Staff Docs No. 1 won two and lost one over the Dental Representatives. Eddie Weiler turned in the night's high score with a line of 224, but Dr. Loeffler still maintains the highest average for the tournament with a 188 out of six games.

Basketball

In a consolation match Thursday, April 11th, at Richmond, the Oak Knoll basketball team entered its name in the final bracket of the Invitation Tournament by beating the Ensor Athletic Club, 54 to 47. Bob Jones was high scorer with 18 points, followed by Schafer, who netted 13 points before he injured his ankle in the last period.

Women's Softball

Lt. Beth N. Hack, W-USNR, announced this week that Oak Knoll's women's softball team will meet their first outside competition on Wednesday, 24 April. The local lassies will meet the team from TADCEN, Shoemaker. Definite schedules have not arrived from the 12th Naval District and the game may be played at either activity.

Golf

The Oak Knoll golf team placed fifth out of a field of twelve in the 12th Naval District Golf Tournament, behind Alameda, Treasure Island, Fleet City and Moffatt Field. Lt. Bectol of the Marine Detachment placed first on the hospital team with a score of 84, ten points behind the winner, Tatum of San Francisco Naval Shipyards, who shot a 74. Oak Knoll amassed 464 points as compared to the winning Alameda score of 406.

A Long Island potato married an Idaho potato, and eventually they had a little sweet potato. The little one flourished, and in due time announced to its parents that it wanted to marry Lowell Thomas. "But you can't marry Lowell Thomas," declared the parents. "He's just a commentator."

The only Navy chief was about to register in the small hotel when a bedbug crawled across the register. "Well," he said, "I've been bitten by all kinds of bugs in my life, but this is the first time one ever crawled down to see what room I would be in."

WESTERN UNION

The Western Union Telegraph Company announces that all restrictions on greeting messages are no longer in effect and that Easter greetings may be sent this year. The office is located at Ship's Service lobby.

WOMEN IN WHITE

By Lt. Comdr. Mildred M. Morrison (NC) USN

The patients and staff of Ward 43-B honored Lt. Theodosia Sheldon, (NC) USN at a farewell party on their ward before her departure for her home at West Pawlet, Vt. Miss Sheldon worked on 43-B for ten months and will be greatly missed.

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Mrs. Grace Foskett and Genevieve of Kansas City, Mo., visited their daughter and sister, Ensign Phyllis Foskett, the past week.

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Despite repeated attempts to gain information concerning her sister in Germany, Lt. Leonia Guenther had had no word from her since October, 1941. Consequently, last week she was most happy to receive a letter from her brother-in-law which came via Switzerland, telling her that her sister and their four children are still alive. Their home in Lake Constance, Germany, luckily was not demolished by the bombings. Her brother-in-law was returned from a Russian prison in September, 1945, and is very much interested in the reconstruction of Germany. Her sister has been ill with anemia as a result of lack of the proper diet. It is impossible for them to get medicines such as vitamins and liver extract needed in the treatment of the disease.

Miss Guenther came to this country 20 years ago. She took her nurse's training at Our Lady of Victory Hospital, Buffalo, N. Y., and entered the Navy Nurse Corps in November, 1942. She came to this station from Fleet Hospital No. 114 in December, 1945.

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Reported: Ensigns Edith R. Kane and Geraldine C. Kelly from U. S. Naval Hospital, Sampson, N. Y.

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Detached: Lt. (jg) A. E. Steinberg to U. S. Naval Hospital, St. Albans, N. Y.; Lt. Comdr. T. R. Jones, Ens. Z. B. Reed, and Lt. (jg) D. I. Wilson to civil life. Ensigns E. R. Reed, M. J. Vande Kieft, M. G. Perry, A. M. Tillotson, A. Ugrin, M. R. Van Steenvoort, L. Yaccovetta, Z. J. Welsh, B. A. War-

To buy..sell..rent

NOTICE: "The Oak Leaf" does not accept paid advertising. The following items are printed as a free service for the hospital's patients and staff. Deposit items in "The Oak Leaf" contribution box in the lobby of Ship's Service. Incidentally, it is NOT a mail box.

Found . . .

Jordan High School class ring found. 1946 ring bearing initials HPJ. Owner may call at the Oak Leaf office or phone Ext. 230.

For Sale . . .

Lady's yellow gold Swiss watch. Will sell for \$30. See Rosemary Barnes in the Pathology Lab. Two electric hot plates with regulators. Contact D. R. Stonebraker, CY, at Educational Services, Ext. 281.

Wanted . . .

Three-room furnished apartment in East Oakland area. Will pay \$60-65. See H. M. LeVine, Main Gate, nights.

For Rent . . .

Three large rooms—duplex, with garage. Furniture must be purchased. Located in East Oakland. Phone LO 8-2475.

Miss Bessie Bush of 1315 East 21st is now offering free music lessons to personnel of this hospital. Either beginners or advanced students will be accepted for instruction, including all instruments and vocal types. Miss Bush studied at the New England Conservatory of Music. Anyone interested will please phone KE. 4-7636.

ner and I. M. Walters, to U. S. Naval Hospital, Treasure Island, Calif.

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Announcement is made of the marriage of Ens. Florence E. Read and Thomas W. Bent, Jr., which took place in March 30, 1946. Congratulations!

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Question of the Week: Who is the tall blond lieutenant known as "Boot?" Not "Boots"—just "Boot."

OKIE



★ **Men of Distinction** ★



Mr. Billy Joe Kibby, distinguished oil magnate, of the Kibbys of Amarillo, Tex., who has been in charge of distribution of petroleum products in this area, shown seated at his main office.

Off the Bookshelf

Essays—a form of literature that most people shy away from—but one that is very enjoyable, humorous at times, and keenly observant. In order to help your appreciation, the following books are listed as representative of the collection to be found in the station library.

Grandma Called it Carnal, by Bertha Damon. Quite humorous sketches of the life and times in Grandma's day.

Nods and Becks, by Franklin Adams. Dryly humorous, but sharply observant, selections from the author's column, "The Conning Tower."

Party Line, by Louise Baker. Reminiscences of the author's girlhood in Mayfield, Calif., and of the switchboard gossip, Miss Elmira.

Do Not Disturb, by Frank Case. The life of a hotel manager.

Heart of Emerson's Essays, edited by Bliss Perry. Selections from his complete works.

Marcel Proust, by Gladys Lindner. A collection of Proust's critical essays published in a period of twenty-five years.

I Cover the Waterfront, by Max Miller. Sketches of waterfront life as seen by a reporter.

My Old Man, by Damon Runyan.

ATTENTION, VETERANS!
You are invited to join the **White Squadron Post No. 90, V. F. W.—All Navy Post.** Meetings held first and third Fridays at 2130, **Veterans' Memorial Building, Van Ness at McAllister, San Francisco.**

A hilarious series of essays of his old man's viewpoints on various subjects such as, beauty, bankers.

Walden, by Henry Thoreau. A series of articles on the author's life in the woods and of his observations of the ways of nature.

One Man's Meat, by Elwyn White. Compilation of the author's views on country life, the world's fair, and current events which appeared in Harper's magazine.

None But a Mule, by Barbara Woolcott. Humorous reminiscences of Alexander Woolcott by his niece.

Papa Was a Preacher, by Alyene Porter. A human and gay picture of life in an American parsonage of not so long ago.

The bachelor's a cagey guy,
And has a lot of fun;
He sizes all the cuties up
And never Mrs. a one.

Scuttlebutt

What could be more "Eastery" than the pleasant event bestowed upon Chief Pharmacist Mate **Robert Marquard** of Patient Personnel? His baby girl is now nearing six whole days of age. Participating in the after-blessed-events-cigar-smoking-party was **Donald Gelke**. Gelke completed his seventh inhalation when the shadows of poolroom green were fast covering his face.

Wave **Tex Devers** of the Dental Clinic doesn't smile noma'. She tore her left Nylon stocking jumping out of a truck. **Tex's** tale reminds one of the guy who gets all his black eyes bumping into doors!

The newest athletic fad to catch the eye of Oak Knoll spectators is the softball-golf game between Surgery 1 and Surgery 2. **Ted Roik** grabs a softball bat and swats sterile sponges into Surgery 2's backyard. **J. F. Harkradar** fields the porous substance, places it on a tee and putts a mighty putt with his putter.

The significance of Operations Crossroads is known to all Atomic Bomb enthusiasts. The story behind Operations Flashbulb is secretly filed in Graphic Arts darkroom under the heading of "The Lost Party."

A noteworthy celebration was thrown last week at the Eagles' Hall. Noteworthy were the many people that actually left the liquid stuff to trip the light fantastic on the spacious dance floor. **I. D. Wheatley** was laminated. Others seen over the foam were **Johnny Seegar, Dottie Matesich** and her

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side-kick **Bill Remo, Jim Mehl**, his car, and his buddy, **Jim Stever**. Seen under the foam were **D. C. McDonald, Jimmy Sullivan, Betty Veeder, John Hoiland** and **Geralt Hoxworth**. Keeping the vigil with boots, belt and battle stick was that great gateman, that man on police whistles, that flawless bottle frisker, **Russell Driscoll**. **M. E. Weiler** had hush-hush conversations with his candy counter divvie gal, which if overheard, would record something like this: "Gee honey, all I want is a couple of free chocolate bars with nuts in the middle."

MOIPHY
By Penberthy

"ONE-ZY, TWO-ZY, THREE-ZY, FOUR-ZY, SORRY, BUB, YOU GET NO MORE-ZY!"



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Mars Delivers One Hundred Patients



Helen Keller To Visit Here Wed. & Thurs.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the first and second of May, Oak Knoll will have as its guest Miss Helen Keller, perhaps the greatest of living humanitarians. Conducting a tour of Army and Navy hospitals on the West Coast, Miss Keller is scheduled to arrive at noon next Wednesday and will remain until 1630 Thursday, visiting each bed patient individually and giving two talks to patients and staff.

Besides her amazing personality and accomplishments, Helen Keller has long been synonymous with courage in overcoming handicaps and with great wisdom in personal philosophy. Miss Keller was born a normal child, but at the age of 19 months was stricken with a malady which took her eyesight and hearing and, consequently, her ability to speak. Until six years old she was a hopeless liability. A special instructor, Miss Ann Sullivan, was then taken on, remaining for 50 years to become her closest friend. Miss Keller's fame as a philosopher and inspiration to handicapped persons is due in no small degree to her constant companion, Miss Polly Thomson, who accompanies her everywhere and helps arrange her plans for the future.

Miss Keller incredibly mastered the problem of learning to speak without being able to hear a word which she or anyone else spoke.

Determined to make a leading example of her ability to be both successful and happy, an example for others to gain inspiration from, Helen Keller studied literature, philosophy, history, mathematics, medicine, Greek, French and German, wrote several books, and received LHD and LLD degrees from Radcliffe. Both Harvard and Radcliffe, feeling that she would be unsuccessful, tried to prevent her enrollment. It is rather ironic that they should now mark her as a distinguished graduate. Miss Keller feels deeply gratified that her book "Out of the Darkness" was burned by the Nazis as undesirable.

Last Monday saw one of the strangest convoys ever to come to Oak Knoll. Twenty-one of transportation's finest brought 100 patients from Alameda Airport. The amazing part of the situation was that all of the patients came from one airplane, if you would call it that, since it resembled something between a barge, a cigar, and a motor torpedo boat with wings and tail assemblage.

The 70-ton airplane, the pride of the Naval Air Transport Service, flying under the name of the "Hawaii Mars," set a world's record for the greatest single air evacuation movement in history. In addition to the 100 patients there were a crew of ten and a medical staff of eleven, totaling 121 people. The entire flight took but 14 hours and 42 minutes and was uninterrupted by any unscheduled incident. Some patients on being interviewed, said the trip was more relaxing than a train ride and not nearly as rough as sea travel.

Amid the flashing of photographers' bulbs, the patients were unloaded from tiers of bunks four high and four deep, into the waiting ambulances within forty minutes, and were driven to the hospital where they were assigned to wards. Most of them will be transferred soon to Naval Hospitals near their homes.

Congratulations must be extended to Pharmacists Close and Holland for their extremely efficient method in making the arrangements for the transferral of the patients from the plane to the hospital.

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• Which Do You Prefer?

According to the dictionary, an editorial is an article representing the views of the owners or editors of a newspaper or magazine. In civilian life, these two views always coincide, since no publisher ever staffs his publications with men who will write ideas contrary to his own. For the Navy to comply with this principle, all the Naval publications would have to be written by Recruiting Specialists. On the other hand, the editors who write for Government-owned journals cannot express their own ideas if they are contrary to the specific policies of the Government. As a result of this conflict, all military-backed publications have to strike a medium—an average which will express both opinions, leaving the decision to the reader. It is this medium that we would like to express in the following article concerning the Regular Navy.

In the barracks, on liberty, on duty, there is no subject more frequently discussed than the question of "regulars" versus civilian life—unless it is the girl back home. The bad points of both types of life are obvious and therefore shall not be mentioned. It is the comparison of the good points that bring about a decision, besides pleasing those who now have no choice in the matter.

When we speak of the Regular Navy, most of us immediately think of a life of regimentation, which, by the way, is probably a correct thought. The gist of this lies in the word "regimentation." The dictionary defines it as the act or process of regimenting or organizing into groups. We know that organization into a close society is one of the evolutionary achievements of man and is therefore not a degradation but an advancement. Organization presents a maximum amount of security—the Regular Navy man having probably one of the safest positions offered by modern society. He will always draw his pay, always have a home for his family and always sleep in a clean bed at night. On retiring, he is given a pension, insuring comfort for the remaining part of his life. All these benefits he receives for doing duty which is much easier than the civilian laborers, much healthier than any desk job; in fact, it offers better conditions than can be obtained in almost any civilian occupation. It is true that advancements are slow and that some of the orders are taken with difficulty, but some expense has to be paid for the multiple advantages.

From the preceding paragraph, one might think the Regular Navy the epitome of living. But there is also a natural human desire for independence, a tendency to throw off the shackles of duty and evade the dull saw of the routine mind. Of course, this desire for escape is compensated by liberties and leaves, but yet there is the idea in mind that these liberties and leaves are ordered by someone else and not taken at will. The civilian is at liberty to quit work when he pleases—and also has the worries of being fired if his labors are not up to par. He is his own boss if he so desires, but with this comes innumerable responsibilities and worries. If he is a man who wants these two burdens, all is well and fine. For some men love to be on their own; love to roam whatever way they will, taking for granted the accompanying burdens. Other men want their road paved and prepared, a sure road leading to a specific destination.

It is up to each person to evaluate the situation thoroughly and decide which party suits his idea of a happy and successful life.

Oak Knoll Inaugurates New Intra-Compound Bus System



Three of transportation's new additions ready to start off on their routes. K. Rooker, B. V. Howell, and R. E. Harvey at the wheels.

Said the farmer to his cow while standing on a nearby hill overlooking our domicile, "Well, I'll be dog-gone Bessie, seems they're delivering your milk to every ward at the Oak Knoll hospital." Sure, we deliver Bessie's milk to every ward on the compound but those vehicles seen circling the hospital are a newly formed bus line, not a milk-wagon route.

For reasons brought on by the many transportation boys who patronized the demobilization plan and because of the long need for transportation from one hill to the next, a bus system without turnstiles or fare boxes has commenced. This will enable ambulatory patients to keep medical dates at X-ray or Physio Therapy.

In operation are four Divco miniature buses which make the rounds of the compound, continuously from 0800 to 1700. Eighteen bus-stop signs are nailed near

every strategic point at the Knoll. The eighteen stops are in no way related or have any inference to the fact that Oak Knoll was once a fashionable golf course. The conveyances, four, will run ten minutes apart; two will be coming and two going at all times. The buses will run an officer chow line from the Administration Building to the officers' club and back, between the hours of 1150 and 1300. Saturday afternoons, Sundays and Navy recognized holidays there will be two compound carriers in action, therefore passing a bus-stop every twenty minutes.

Something that has been missing for three years has at last made its debut. Which all goes to prove that Oak Knoll is a fast growing settlement and promises to give a more enjoyable and far superior bus ride than the Key System's best ten cent or one token omnibuses.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Goofy Navigation

A Walt Disney product which was shown at this station recently was entitled, "How To Be A Sailor." It gave an account of the progress which has been made in the science of navigation from the early days of sailing to modern times. One scene showed "Goofy," in the early days of sailing, standing on the deck looking up at the stars and saying "Starlight, starlight, gee I wish I knew where I was tonight." Well, great progress has been made in the field of navigation so that now a navigator at sea can tell exactly where he is going.

In another field of navigation we fear that progress is being made in just the inverse order. We mean the field of navigation for our own lives. In other words, "Where did I come from, why am I here, and where am I going?" Our faith tells us the answer to these questions and gives us the guides by which we may steer our course so that we will arrive at our destination. Of course there are some who want to do their own navigating and make their own rules for the way in which they navigate—and they are so cock-sure of themselves that they never seem to doubt that they have a true bearing on their destination. The only trouble with this kind of navigation is that when they get "Where they're goin'," it's going to be too late to turn around and go back to "Where they want to be."

FATHER JOHN PATRICK GRIFFIN

Aromatic Burgers, Hot Chip Steaks On Fountain Grill

The newest aroma to hit our pleasantly smelling hospital can be traced to the kitchen in back of the Ship's Service fountain. Of recent weeks the smells of chili, soup and apple pies rose gently with the day's breeze, but now—a new smell—and by far the nicest odor to penetrate the nostrils, is the aroma of freshly grilled hamburgers and chip steaks.

Last Monday saw the welcomed birth of the Oak Knoll hamburger and chip steak sandwiches. Eager hands reached into pocketless pants and to the tune of twenty cents, one fifth of a dollar, munched on a warm hamburger with mustard in the middle and a pickle on top. The first man to recognize a good piece of meat when he saw one, was Pfc. Thomas Dennis. Dennis left his ward that eventful morning after sick call and headed for Oak Knoll library. His plan: to get a comic book and loll in the friendly sunshine until chow time. He lifted his nose to whiff a very strange (to Oak Knoll) culinary delicacy. In no time at all Dennis diagnosed the odor as cooking ground beef which meant only one thing—hamburgers. The marine turned off his library course and steered straight for Ship's Service and—a hamburger. What did Dennis say after being told he had eaten the first Oak Knoll hamburger, "Gee, sure was good, tasted like hamburger."

Miss Rita Johnson is in charge of this added palatable pleasure and will accommodate any ward order for the grilled-while-you-wait delicacy, provided the request is substantially large.

Naval Academy Honors Enlistees Until Mar. '47

A recent release from the Bureau of Personnel states that all men (USN and USNR) volunteering to extend their enlistments till 1 March, 1947, will be eligible for nomination to the Naval Academy Preparatory School prior to 17 May, 1946, provided that they meet all other requisites for entrance, such as age and physical requirements. Anyone interested in this opportunity may contact the Staff Personnel Officer in the Administration Building.

WOMEN IN WHITE

By Lt. Comdr. Mildred M. Morrison (NC) USN

The nurses will be interested to know that a dinner was given recently in honor of Capt. Sue S. Dauser at the Del Coronado Hotel in San Diego, Calif., by several distinguished guests of the Navy Nurse Corps who came from various stations on the coast and some of the recently retired nurses.

Capt. Dauser's retirement on April 1, climaxed a brilliant Navy career of twenty-nine years. She was appointed Superintendent of the Nurse Corps by Vice Admiral McIntire in 1939, and was the first woman to be elevated to the rank of Captain. She is also the recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal for her outstanding and meritorious service during this war.

After the dinner, Comdr. Elizabeth O'Brien, senior nurse in charge of the 12th Naval District, presented Capt. Dauser with a beautiful diamond studded wrist watch and a Tad Welsh painting from all members of the N.N.C. With it Miss O'Brien said, "We offer our most humble and sincere gratitude and we all know that you have done much more than your duty."

Capt. Dauser's uniform is being sent to the museum at the U. S. Naval Academy, at Annapolis.

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Have you been wondering who is responsible for the beautiful floral arrangements in the living rooms and on the dining room tables in the Nurses' Quarters? Credit goes to Ens. Lydia Steinert. The arrangements look like magazine illustrations and go far toward brightening up the quarters.

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Wedding bells have rung for two more of our nurses. Lt. Ann H. Menrath has revealed her marriage on Feb. 9 to Nelson S. Cullenward, which took place in Monte Rio, California. They will reside in San Francisco where they are building a home. Ens. Rose M. Spinola and Karl B. Kosling were married at Sacramento on April 22. They will make their home in Cleveland, Ohio, as soon as Mrs. Kosling receives her discharge.

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Detached: Ens. F. E. Bent and Lt. R. D. Thornton to civil life. Lts. Z. Patterson, M. Mika, and R. Connor, and Lt. (jg) M. McCall to Dispensary, Ordnance Testing Station, Inyokern, Calif. Lt. (jg) K. Fleck was transferred to Philadelphia to take a course in Psychiatric Nursing at Pennsylvania Hospital.

Ships Service

We dearly love our Ship's Service,
We love it all to glory;
But every time we go there—
It's closed for inventory!

Heroic Eddie Buker Saves Famous Baby Mallard from Ab-DUCK-tion



The man who, through his alertness and keen interpretation of sound waves, saved his web-footed friend from the fires. Above is Mr. Eddie Buker, Chief Pipefitter, and Donald—Donald the Duck.

Hunters, through the ages and the decades, unscrupulously aimed their gun barrels at flying formation ducks, with intent on murder and eventual devourment. The late Joe Penner, comedian of vaudeville days, attained fame in the theatrical world with his verbal trademark, "Wanna buy a duck." Some have shot at ducks, others eat duck every Sunday and still others sell ducks, but who would ever accuse humanity of ducknaping (related to kidnaping) a duck.

It happened right here on the Oak Knoll premises and those involved were Oak Knollites. Whether it was accidental or sheer distorted hatred for ducks, must be decided by a jury. The fact remains that a ducknaping took place sometime last Friday morning. To better relate the incident and the circumstances, this legal infliction cast upon this poor defenseless fledgling, *Oak Leaf* calls upon pipefitter Eddie Buker to tell the story of the duck that was ducknaped.

"Last Friday morning I was coming out of the nurses' quarters after finishing an intricate pipefitting task when the regularly scheduled garbage truck angled toward the well-filled nurses' garbage cans. Stooping down to better observe a freshly blossoming chrysanthemum, I faintly heard a familiar peeping note, like that of a chicken

or a duck. Following the note in an effort to reach its derivation, it suddenly dawned upon me that the nearer I came to the honey wagon the louder the peep would become. Ghastly as it may sound I drew the conclusion that the peep was in the garbage truck and huge frightening beads of sweat broke out on my forehead. I had recognized the peep, it was Donald—Donald the Duck."

"With clenched fists and angered soul I summoned the garbage men. Poor Donald—Donald the Duck was found in the truck and that same truck was headed for the incinerator. When I thought of Donald—Donald the Duck becoming a roast mallard before the proper time, a hastening fury come over me which was indeed hard to control. I picked up Donald, patted his furless fur, and reassured him that nothing would happen as long as little Eddie was around."

An official inquest was held and the case of the ducknaping was stricken from the court. Donald's owner, George, the officers' club cook, had put him in a box on the lawn of the club. The garbage men, thinking it was just another box, threw it on the truck.

"A clear case of mistaken identity," explained the foreman of the truck, "we thought it was a chicken."

"Oak Leaf" takes pride in the success of its front page Easter edition showing an Oak Knoll nurse in prayer. Both the San Francisco "Call-Bulletin" and the San Francisco "News" reprinted our picture for their pre-Easter publications.

Waffle Supper Highlights Red Cross Easter Activities



Pre-Easter Supper, Saturday, April 20, 1946, on ward 47A was highlighted with waffles and bacon and eggs fried to order.

Wards Revel in Easter Hat Competition

In honor of milady's Easter hat many Red Cross parties on the compound were given over to creating hats for the Easter parade. The results were often lovely, delightful, and even hilarious!

Anyway the patients sure know their hats, as was proven by the men on 41A who fashioned hats for the University of California co-eds Wednesday night. Everything from hot water bottles to fruit baskets were cleverly bedecked with ribbons and flowers to become milady's crowning glory.

Much imagination and ingenuity went into the creation judged by Ens. Mulholland as "simply out of this world!" She just couldn't resist the yards and yards of gold satin ribbon put on it by the designer, Mr. Light of ward 70A. Everyone in the ward was quite envious, so PhM2c Roddy M. Daggert and RM2c K. E. Renneles retaliated by exerting greater mental powers and won first prizes in the Easter quizzes.

The patients on wards 61A and 61B not only created very original hats, but gave them glamorous and appropriate names, too. "The Gooney Bird" by S1c J. Brown won first prize for the most comical hat on 61A; "Pistachio's Delight" by S1c Frank Pinto was the most original; "Hawk's Special" by S2c J. Hawk was the loveliest. On 61B first prizes went to S2c H. R. Garten for his "Rosy Rosetta" as the loveliest creation; S1c R. K. Weick for his comical "Morning After," and S1c O. L. Thomas for his "Airplane 1946" as the most original model.

S2c Harvey Murray of ward 43A won as first prize just what he wanted for Easter—a big gingerbread bunny. Of course the rest of the ward was happy too because

they had luscious strawberry sun-daes and cake as refreshments.

As the new Berkeley girl group acted as models and aides, two exceptional hats were created on ward 71A. Veteran Philip Arnold's "Springtime Serenade" used a cracked recording of Whistler's Mother as a base, and Cox. Joseph Garcia's real cocktail hat was complete with funnel and spoon.

Always cognizant of world problems MoMM2c Chester Harding Isbell, ward 71A, seriously considered food conservation and used green asparagus stalks to highlight his Bermuda onions for an Easter creation.

Culminating Easter week on the orthopedic wards was the party on 42A Saturday afternoon. "Hit-the-tail-of-the-rabbit" with darts was the cause of great excitement and much skill was apparent. Creators of winning chapeaux were Cox. Willard Moore and S1c Arthur Quashenbush.

AMM2c Rudy Lerma of ward 65B and Miss Ruby Nelson, one of our nurses, were two of the many people busy making leather purses in the Red Cross Craft Shop. Lerma's was a brown carved cowhide purse with a gardenia design for his wife Minnie's Easter gift.

Plexiglass is still one of the favorite crafts. A lovely round picture frame was a gift made by Pfc. Clarence Gardener of ward 55 for his wife, Thelma.

The Easter Dance Tuesday night on ward 64B included all the men who have received Arthur Murray instruction the past weeks. With gracious instructors from the Murray studios and the charming Mills College hostess group there were plenty of partners.

CASE OF THE WEEK

Island Bound Pair Find Own Pancreatic Isles Deficient

Back in the hills on ward 60B huddles a close fraternity of patients who, strangely, look upon the hypodermic needle with a smack of the lips, almost as the rest of us would view a piece of shortcake. They are not sadists or masochists. They are Oak Knoll's diabetics.

For the needle means insulin to them, and without it there can be no shortcake, or any other food that will do them much good, for that matter. What kind of life does a diabetic lead, then? A hypodermophobe may wonder.

Well, there is "before" and there is "after."

S1c Fred Hampton of Conover, N. C., was in Kure, Japan, on the auxiliary mine-sweeper Planter when he first noticed a tremendous thirst for water, great weakness, and a rapid loss of weight which were the beginning signs of his diabetes. A pharmacist's mate recognized the disease after finding sugar in a urinalysis, but there was no doctor and no insulin available.

So Hampton was transferred to the cruiser Duluth, then to a tanker, then by plane to Yokosuka. Still there was no insulin.

Obviously this couldn't keep on indefinitely, and it didn't. After waiting seven days for another plane, Hampton lapsed into diabetic coma and became a medical emergency. He was rushed to the hospital ship Bountiful where his blood pressure was found too low to be recorded and his temperature was at the remarkable low of 92 degrees. His Health Record notes that his breathing was a text-book example of "air hunger" described in diabetic coma. His blood sugar was 925 milligrams per cent—ten times higher than the normal level.

A lot of hustling by the doctors resulted in restoration of Hampton's body fluids by intravenous infusion of saline, and Hampton came out of the coma. But the insulin problem still wasn't solved. The insulin on the Bountiful was over-age, and even huge doses didn't seem to have much effect toward lowering Hampton's blood sugar.

But he made it to San Francisco on March 13 and was immediately brought here, where effective insulin rapidly brought his diabetes under control.

This is only one story of diabetes before treatment. S2c Fred Schambach of Chicago, is another diabetic who by coincidence came back to the states on the Bountiful along with Hampton. Like Hampton, Schambach had developed a thirst, was weak, and had lost nearly 35 pounds in the past several months. But he didn't go into coma. Instead he developed an in-



S2c Fred Schambach and S1c Fred Hampton

fection, for no apparent reason at all, in the tip of his right index finger. This had to be amputated but at least it could be called a tip-off to his diabetes, for in this disease there is a strong predisposition to this type of infection and it was the clue that made the doctors examine the urine to clinch the diagnosis.

Since arriving at Oak Knoll, the two Freds' clinical courses have been rather similar. In diabetes the underlying fault lies in a lack of the hormone insulin, which is necessary for the burning of sugar (glucose) to supply energy. So the doctor's problem in diabetes is to give the patient enough sugar in his diet to supply his energy demands and at the same time to give enough insulin to "burn" the sugar provided. If too much insulin is given, the patient will suffer from "insulin shock." Adjustment of diet and insulin dosage is largely a matter of trial and error, and by accurate judgment gathered from experience. Hampton and Schambach have both been "regulated" now for some time, and watch their activities both on the compound and off, one would never suspect them to be diabetics.

While an injection even once a day would sound like a medical form of torture to most of us, the two Freds stick themselves every day without a shrug.

Hampton, at least, can put his finger on one reason why he does it. He's going to be married in his home-town sweetheart in a couple of weeks, and that would have been pretty hard to do in a coma.

Flight Officer: "What is the word in airplanes?"

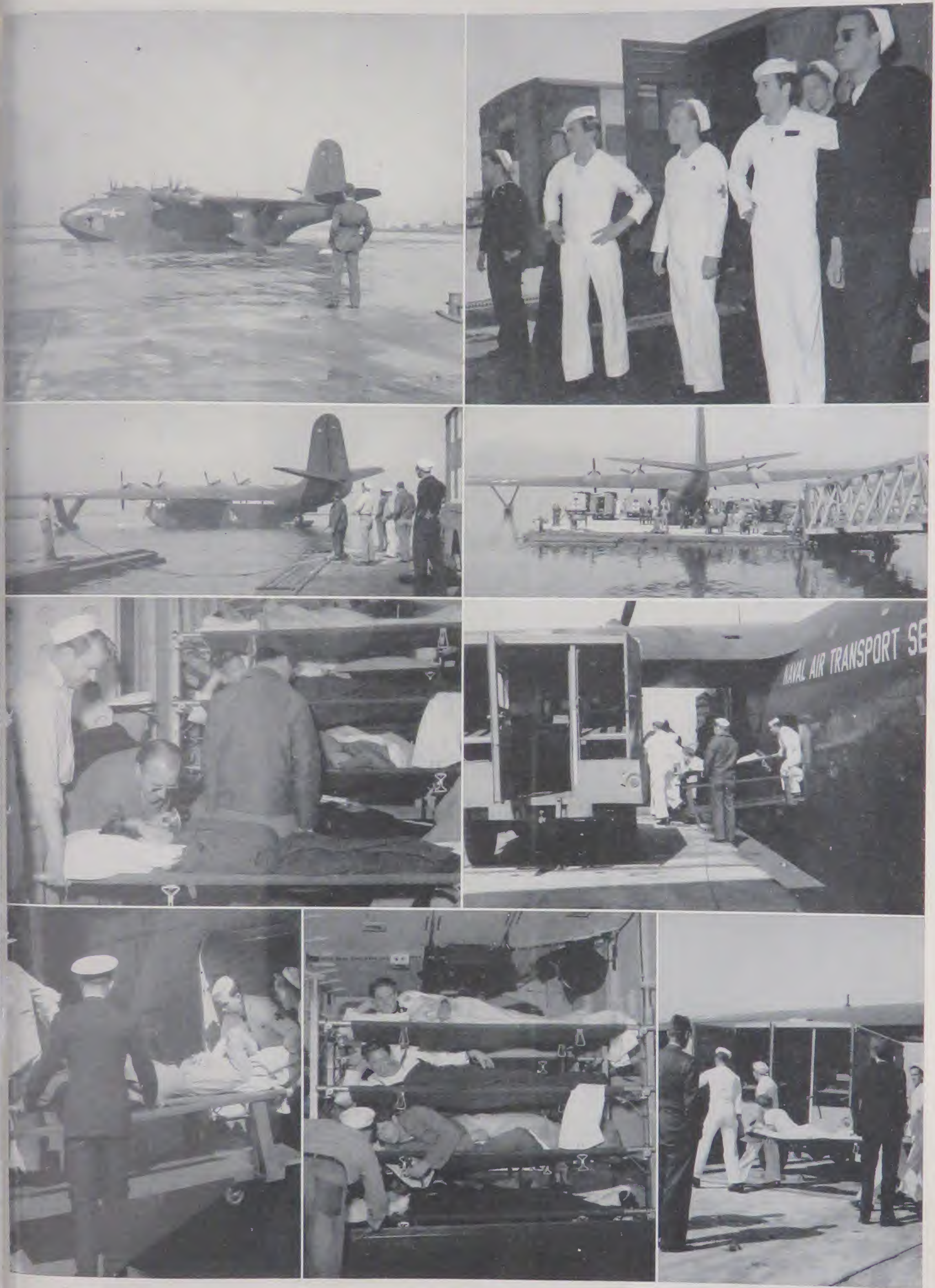
Cadet: "Jump."

HA1c: "Do you drink?"

CPhM: "No."

HA1c: "Hold my bottle while I tie my shoe."

Oak Knoll Ambulances Welcome Flying Hospital



Hilarious Musical Comedy Fulminates Large Audience



Tip-Top Revue, under the auspices of the USO Shows Inc., recently offered their varied talents to jam-packed audiences. Caught in the act are the six shapely Chicagoans in a farmer's daughter routine, applauded by country dwellers as well as the city slickers.

Those funny people listed under the heading of USO Shows Inc. did it again.

A stage-full of talent under the marquee Tip-Top Revue displayed their entertainment products before a capacity audience on the evenings of April 16 and 17. The days of the vaudevillian may be buried in some charity boarding houses, according to the big men in the theatrical field, but Oak Knoll applauds and appreciates any such fine entertainment as the Tip-Top show offered.

Somebody must have tipped off this USO show that our hospital en masse appreciates a shapely figure, and a well turned ankle, because as the curtain parted the six lovely Chicagoans glided politely and lightly within whistling distance. The Dixon gals, carbon copy triplets, upheld the fine presentation with harmonies of popular ballads and a tinge of boogie-woogie a la the Andrews sisters. Then came Tung Ping Soo, magician extraordinary, an eye deceiver of no small proportions with his card palming and iron ring magic. Any magician that is a magician eventually befuddles his audience with the sudden appearance of rabbits, in the case of Tung Ping Soo, it was fluffy white pigeons.

The show stopper, the funniest of them all, was Fid Gordon, his fiddle and high-sopranoed-male-mophead partner. Gordon played the fiddle, fogged the fiddle and practically sawed the thing in two to panic the crowd.

Welfare and Recreation, through the medium of the Tip-Top Revue, once again enabled entertainment-hungry Oak Knoll to enjoy the highest form of vaudeville.

Benny Carter to Bring Fine and Wild Jazz to OK

After a number of name bands featuring dance music and popular songs exclusively, comes Benny Carter, one of the foremost exponents of first-rate jazz and the most versatile leader in American music, to give a show on Wednesday afternoon, May 8th, and play for the All-Hands dance in the evening. With Johnny Hodges, Benny ranks as the best alto saxophonist in the business—along with Armstrong, Eldridge, Cootie Williams and others, Benny Carter is a leading trumpet man, and he plays the piano and clarinet well enough to record on those instruments with Coleman Hawkins, Lionel Hampton and other stand-out groups.

Starting out on the road of fame, Benny played with Fletcher Henderson's all-star orchestra in the early '30's, later recorded some immortal sides with the Chocolate Dandies and Lionel Hampton's recording groups. Following three years as arranger for the BBC in London, Benny formed his own band, which is now famous for its excellent jazz and subtle mood music, and comes to Oak Knoll from the Trianon Ballroom in Hollywood.

Oak Knoll's stable of eight riding horses is available to all hands. Patients must have an eligibility slip from their doctor. Price is fifty cents per hour. The riding schedule: 0930-1130; 1315-1515; 1530-1630. Sign up at the Bowling Alley.

Coming Attractions

HE CAN'T
GIVE HER
ANYTHING
BUT LOVE...
and love's
enough!



JOAN
FONTAINE
"From This
Day Forward"

with MARK STEVENS
ROSEMARY DeCAMP · HENRY MORGAN
WALLY BROWN · ARLINE JUDGE

Sunday, 28 April

WARNER!OT!
JACK ALEXIS
BENNY · SMITH
"The Horn Blows
at Midnight"

with DOLORES MORAN · ALLYN JOSLYN
REGINALD GARDINER · GUY KIBBEE
Directed by JOHN ALEXANDER · RAOUL WALSH
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Monday, 29 April



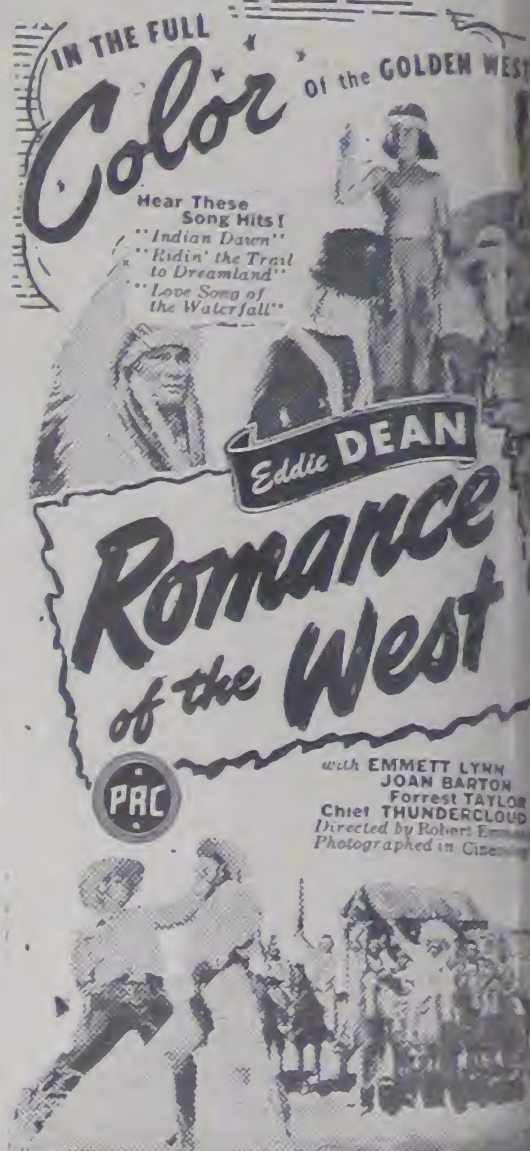
"I didn't think I'd be true to a
man again as long as I lived..."

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as
Gilda
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Screenplay by Marjory Parsons
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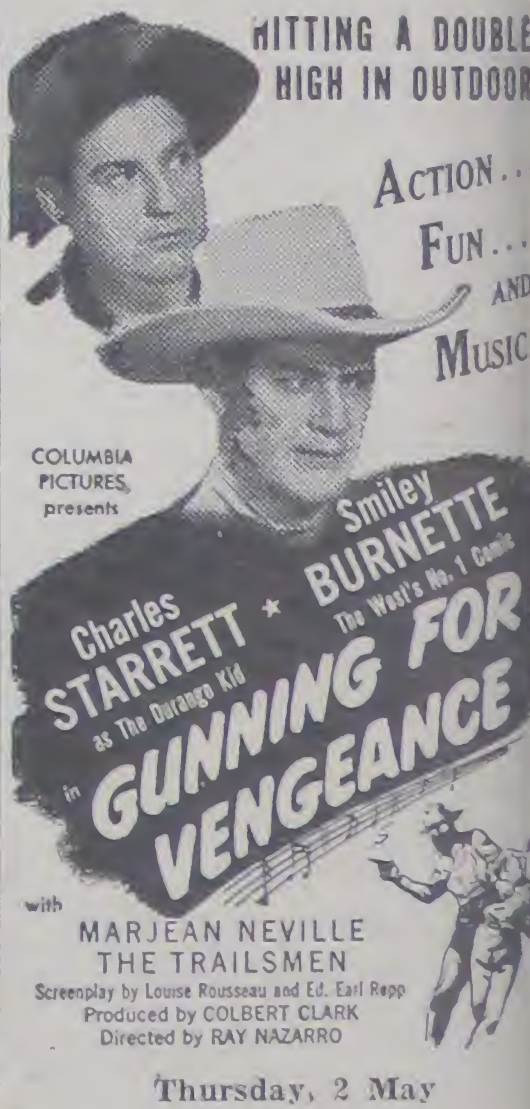
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Tuesday, 30 April



Wednesday, 1 May



Thursday, 2 May

"HER KIND OF MAN"
Zachary Scott - Janice Paige
Friday, 3 May

The California Spring Garden Club is holding its annual flower festival at the Oakland Exposition Auditorium, located at 10th and Alice Streets. Oak Knoll patients and staff are invited to attend this array of early California floral designs on May 3 as guests of the flower club.

The Sporting Scene



Oak Knoll's basketball team, winner of the Richmond Invitational Tournament, shown at the Richmond High School gymnasium. Standing left to right are SpA1c F. J. Catalano, PhM3c J. D. Gilberg, PhM3c G. Krupke, PhM3c R. Bachman, PhM3c R. F. Baker and PhM2c R. A. Jones. Kneeling are PhM3c L. Sandick, PhM3c L. Minnick and PhM3c R. G. Reeves. This team has represented the hospital in many games during the winter season against nearby teams, winning a good three-fourths of those played.

Bowling

Staff Doctors bowling team No. 8 still maintains its lead in the weekly tournament by a margin of nine wins to three losses. Close behind are Staff Doctors No. 1 and Welfare and Recreation No. 2 with eight wins and four losses each. Last Monday's matches saw Roach of Welfare and Recreation No. 2 turn in the highest single performance, followed by his teammate Weiler, and Dr. Youngstrom of Staff Medics No. 1. There are but three weeks remaining till the conclusion of the tournament.

When we save money for our children's college education with Savings Bonds, we do so at 75 cents on the dollar. As one of the Quiz Kids put it: "If you buy bonds for three years of college, Uncle Sam will pay for the fourth year!"

Basketball

The Oak Knoll basketball team in an extremely close game eked out a victory over the USS Gladiator, with a score of 35 to 34. High scorer for the Knollers was Bob Jones with a total of 13 points. Next in line were Bachman and Gilberg, each with 8 points. Until the last minute the game was 34 to 31, the Gladiators ahead, when Gilberg sank two buckets, the latter in the last five seconds. Credit for the close victory should also be given to Reeves for his excellent defensive game and solid backing up on the offense.

Efforts are being made to rejuvenate the Protestant Chapel Chorus. There are about thirty openings, and those interested are urged to meet in the Chapel at 1400 Tuesday. There are also several openings for soloists.

Off the Bookshelf

A variety of new books are on the shelves of the hospital library. Some that will be enjoyed are as follows:

Novels

Kelland: *Land of the Torreones*. Exciting adventures in the west involve a beautiful girl, a young mining engineer, and some escaped Nazis.

Perkins: *Antioch Actress*. This dramatic novel deals with the conflict between the church and the theatre in Rome in early Christian times.

Seton: *The Turquoise*. Santa Fe and New York of the '80's are the settings of this romantic story of an ambitious woman.

Post-War Living

Bolte: *The New Veteran*. One veteran airs his views on the veteran's problems.

Romney: *Off The Job Living*. With the possibility of a thirty-hour work week, recreation becomes an important problem.

Country Life

Charles: *Commercial Poultry Farming*.

Hodgson: *Raising Fur Rabbits*.

Larson: *What is Farming?*

Tose: *Trapping, Tanning, Taxidermy*.

Sports

Baker: *Football: Facts and Figures*.

Oliver: *Kings of the Mound*. This pitchers' rating manual gives official ratings of all great pitchers in baseball's history, 1894-1944.

America in Pictures

Meredith: *Mr. Lincoln's Camera man, Matthew Brady*. Matthew Brady photographed many famous persons of Civil War days, including Lincoln, Lee, Walt Whitman, Barnum, Jenny Lind, and Oliver Wendell Holmes, as well as many well-known historical scenes.

Stegner: *One Nation*. Many photographs illustrate this book about our minority groups.

War Books

Carmer: *The Jesse James of the Java Sea*. The submarine Sturgeon was the Jesse James in question.

Monks: *A Ribbon and a Star: The Third Marines at Bougainville*.

Well Known Boxer Works Out at Oak Knoll Fieldhouse

Big man on the compound these days is Charles "Chuck" Crowell, 6-ft. 6½-in. 265-lb. former pro fighter. Chuck is standing by for discharge next month after having served as a Seaman first for two years in the Navy. Prior to working for Uncle Sam, Chuck had made a name for himself in national heavyweight circles. After turning professional in 1937, he met such top flight fistic stars as Bob Pastor, Buddy Baer, Jack Roper, Bob Nestel and Lou Nova.



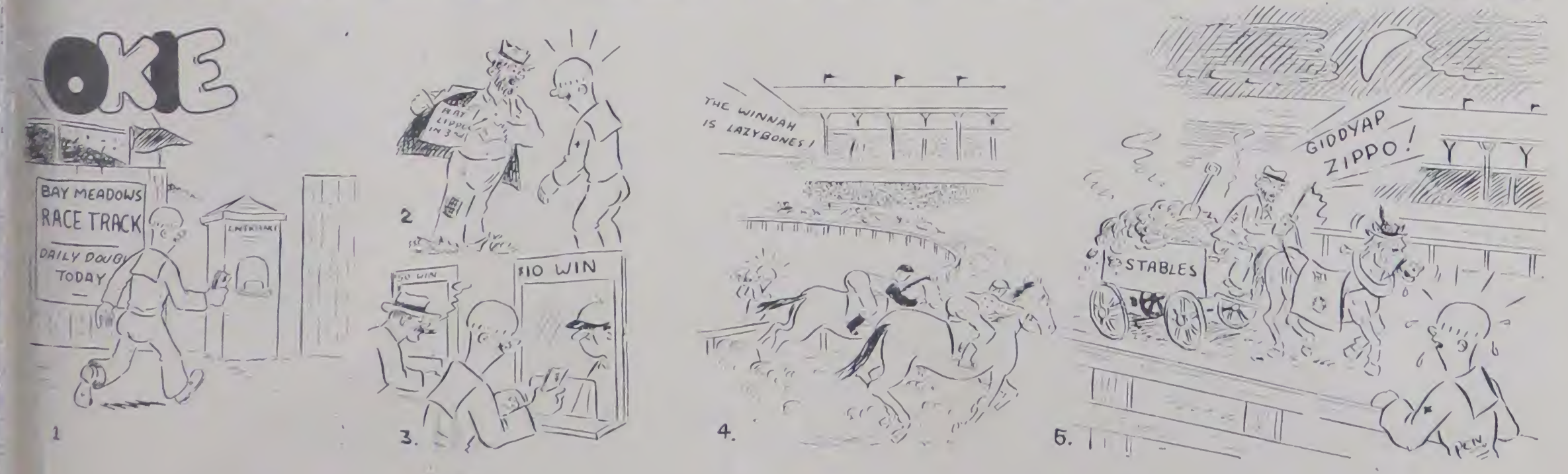
"Chuck" Crowell

He appeared at Madison Square Garden in 1938 and scored a T.K.O. over Jim Robinson in the second round.

A native Californian, from the city of Los Angeles, Chuck has had 90 pro fights, of which he has lost only 18. Over half of his victories were via the kayo route.

Although he has more than enough points, he is being discharged because of excessive height. Quizzed about his post-war plans, he informed us that as soon as he can line up a manager, he will re-enter the ring.

Any of you who are planning on making heavyweight boxing your future vocation might do well to take a look at Chuck and figure a way to knock a fellow of his size to the canvas. As for us, we'll pass.





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AMAZING HELEN KELLER VISITS WARDS

V-E Day Festivities Include Citations, Music and Liberty

May the 8th will be a red-letter day here. Next Wednesday is the first anniversary of V-E Day, and as such will be celebrated at Oak Knoll with special liberties and entertainments. Unfortunately, a hospital staff can never go off on a holiday and leave its patients—however, despite a regular working day for the staff, a full program of entertainment has been scheduled.

Citations to Be Given

Beginning at 1100 all patients are entitled to liberty, and at 1300 there will be open house for visitors, who may witness the presentation of decorations and citations at 1330. Awarded the Silver Star will be Marine Sgt. George Nelson of Ward 64B, Lieut. John K. Barri of the Oak Knoll staff, and S Sgt. John R. Breeze (also the Silver Life Saving Medal). Receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal is Lieut. (jg) E. W. Matthews of Ward 66B, while the Air Medal also goes to 2nd Lieut. A. H. Deghi, USMCR. The Bronze Star Medal will be presented to Comdr. Howell E. Wiggins, Medical Officer of Ward 41A, Lieut. N. E. Peters, USMCR, Capt. Charles A. MacGowan, USN (Ret.), and Comdr. J. C. Luce, Medical Officer of Ward 54 (also the Army Distinguished Unit Badge). The Presidential Unit Citation goes to CMM Ed L. Murphy of 42B, StM1c Nicholas Ceralde and BM2c Raymond Bell—a Letter of Commendation to Comdr. James Crawford of the staff, and the Navy Unit Commendation will be given to John T. Landis, CRE, USN, and EM1c W. H. Lillie of Ward 60A.

Benny Carter Featured

Following the presentations, which will be given in ceremony on the main circle in front of the Administration Building, Welfare and Recreation will present a program of the best in jazz by Benny Carter and his orchestra at 1500 in the auditorium.

At 1730 a barbecue picnic is being held at the Officers' Club, and to bring an eventful day to a close, Benny Carter will play for the All Hands Dance in the auditorium at 2000.

Inflation Comes To Ship's Service

The new interest at our bargain-priced Ship Service is centered around the candy counter. The O. P. A. has invaded the privacy of the Oak Knoller. Cigarettes will cost the service man one-half penny more than in the past. This disastrous inflationary price hike will not affect the purchaser of one pack of cigs at a time, but woe be it to the capitalist who buys his smokes in the cartons. Commencing May 11 it will take \$1.00, one quarter and one nickel to receive the same 10 packages of cellophane-enclosed cigarettes as one could have bought for \$1.00 and one quarter. Thank someone it's not retroactive.

The brighter side of the candy counter is the announcement that there will be no restricted purchases of candy during the month of May. All the chocolate bars and crackerjacks are yours, provided you have the appropriate fee.

Kissing—More Of It "Healthy" Say Docs

(SEA)—Kiss me once, kiss me twice, and kiss me once again . . . and again . . . and again. It may be rugged duty, but it's healthful.

New York's Bureau of Disease Prevention has been digging up the lowdown on kissing dangers to health. It finds that footloose germs are wasting their time when two experts of the osculatory art get together, since the introduction of a few germs at a time actually leads to a sort of immunity to disease.

Kissing, it seems, builds up resistance . . . to germs.

Last Wednesday and Thursday, May first and second, this hospital was honored to have as its distinguished guest, Miss Helen Keller. Miss Keller, who has been deaf and blind almost since birth, was followed everywhere by awe and admiration for her marvelous achievements and living philosophy. She visited each bed patient individually, spending most of her time with those whose handicap she, as a dynamic example, can help to overcome. Besides stopping at every bed, Miss Keller, with her friend and companion, Miss Polly Thomson, gave a talk to a crowded auditorium, dividing the speech into two sections, the first part to the patients, and the second part to the hospital staff.

Helen Keller was born like any other child, but at 19 months her hearing and sight were taken from her by an affliction, and she was left with a future of silence and darkness. Miss Ann Sullivan, who took the position of Miss Keller's instructor, spent more than twenty-five years, beginning when Miss Keller was ten, helping her to learn to speak for herself without being able to hear a sound. Miss Keller, in an exclusive interview for the *Oak Leaf*, said that by far the most difficult task of her life was learning to speak. After this was mastered she was able to graduate cum laude from Radcliffe, which had at first balked at having her enter. She has also received degrees from Harvard and the University of Glasgow. Miss Keller has written many famous books, including "Out of the Darkness," which the Nazis burned as dangerous.

Perhaps the most magnetic facet of Helen Keller's personality is her inspiring philosophy. "Philosophy to me," says Miss Keller, "is a chisel with which I have carved out a happy and satisfactory world from a quarry of harsh circumstances. I regret very much that more people do not study philosophy, because philosophy would give poise and perspective in the ups and downs of life." She added, "Faith is splendid as such, but we need philosophy, too, as a spy glass."

Miss Keller, with her companion, Miss Thomson, has been touring Army and Naval hospitals for the past two years. In June she will return east, (she is a native of Alabama) and expects to fly to England in the autumn. Having traveled to the four corners of the earth, Miss Keller has acquired a deep love for flying. "It gives me a feeling of freedom," she says, "to go flying off into the sky."

Vets Have Choice Of Own Dentists

(SEA)—Veterans entitled to non-hospital treatment for service connected dental conditions will be able to go to private dentists of their own choice under an agreement approved by the American Dental Association and Maj. Gen. Paul R. Hawley, chief medical director of the Veterans Administration.

A schedule of fees to be paid the dentists by the VA is now being drawn up on the basis of customary fees charged in the particular state. Dentists desiring to participate would be certified by a dental advisory committee. Although veterans' outpatient dental care has been provided for many years, the fee schedule—set in 1932—was obsolete, and the veteran could not choose his dentist.

VA officials estimate that up to 10,000,000 veterans of all wars, both hospital patients and others, might eventually profit by free dental care. The volume of such treatment is expected to be at least eight times greater than following the first World War.

In order to qualify for treatment, a man must file a claim that the condition is service-connected and have it approved by the Claims Service in the VA regional office.

Thousand Draft Dodgers Serving Just Sentences

(SEA)—The FBI has investigated reports of more than 26,000 draft violations, and nearly 1,000 persons have drawn sentences since VJ-Day, according to Director J. Edgar Hoover. In February alone, 3,055 new selective service cases were opened.

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• Education and the G. I. Bill of Rights

Every service man is familiar with the G. I. Bill of Rights, probably the most favorite clause of which is the one concerning the subsidization of education. It offers many advantages, including a year of college for the first ninety days of service and a year of college for every succeeding year of service. This presents a wonderful opportunity for the majority who are unable to afford their own education.

But by no means is this G. I. Bill of Rights a method by which an ex-service man may take a few years' vacation after his discharge, for the supposed student is under every regulation of the college or university he is attending. In the first place, to enter such an organization, he has to satisfy all the necessary prerequisites and pass the entrance examinations. Probably but a handful of high school graduates, after spending two or more years in the military, are capable of passing these and gaining entrance to an accredited establishment without any preparatory studies. The question has been brought up by certain organizations bearing pity for the "boys who saved the Democracy," that the standards for entrance to these educational establishments be lowered in order to allow the unfortunate ex-service men a chance to compete with the lucky ones who have been able to continue their education throughout the war. Undoubtedly this suggestion would have an immediate appeal, but a drastic after effect. Nothing would please some of those eligible more than the elimination of the various entrance prerequisites, for it would allow anyone, with or without ambition, with or without any basic intelligence, to partake of an opportunity due only to those who are willing to work for it. There is no reason for a college to allow a veteran to receive his diploma simply because he won a few medals for bravery in action. These medals are a sign on the most part of the man's service history and courage, and the diploma is a sign that the man has received and satisfactorily retained a certain amount of instruction and education. Certainly there is no connection between the two; a scholar may or may not make a hero or vice versa.

The standards of education should, if anything, be raised. We all know the many thousands of young men who will be going to college this fall, most of them sooner or later to receive their bachelor's degree. This situation will literally flood the market of college graduates, making the diploma worth even less than its present value. There will be no way to differentiate between the more educated and those who sat through four years of mediocre instruction. Education will then be fundamentally communistic, everyone receiving their share irrelevant of their basic intelligence and the work they are willing to contribute. It would be rather a pathetic situation to have the president of the bank and the man shining his shoes on the street corner to have had the same education, or to present a farce in a more familiar tone, the Admiral of the Fleet having been through the same training as the Apprentice Seamen swabbing the deck next to him.

There has to be allowances made for the man himself, his intelligence, his ambition and his ability to work. The G. I. Bill of Rights presents a wonderful opportunity to those who have the above qualities and lack the pecuniary resources. On the other hand, we hope that diplomas will not be donated to those who, due to the fact that they only desire a vacation or wish to get *something for nothing*, do not deserve one. It is to prevent this from happening that it is necessary to raise and not lower the standards of education.

Recent Wedding in Chapel



In a simple ceremony at the hospital chapel Saturday, April 13th, Ens. Mildred Telona Lewis (NNC) USNR, became the wife of PhM3c Edwin Parsons, Jr. Parsons came to Oak Knoll as a staff corpsman last year after an extended tour of sea duty in the South Pacific. Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Parsons was stationed at the Naval Hospital Shoemaker, Calif. She was recently discharged from the naval service.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

It Might Have Been

Perhaps the saddest words in all the world are, "it might have been." But these doleful words are not intended only for those who have failed. They are chiefly for those who have succeeded but know they have not done their best. To fail because you lack the power, energy and intelligence to succeed is no disgrace. The real disgrace is with the man for whom mental equipment, heredity and environment have made everything possible, but when the time of reckoning comes still has not done his best. Many a man called successful by the world knows that his most accurate epitaph would be "it might have been."

Napoleon Bonaparte, prisoner of the British on the lonely island of St. Helena, must have realized in some sad hour what "might have been" with him. His despair was greater than it need have been, however. For glory was his one desire. Dying, convinced that in a little while the world would think of him no more, he little dreamed that the world would see in him its greatest genius of mingled construction and destruction. Yes, he who would express great power in one word turns to the name "Bonaparte."

But think what that name might have meant, had the commander and ruler of surpassing genius devoted his powers to making millions of people happy, instead of concentrating on the less useful task of making kings ridiculous.

What we are—our intellect, personality and natural abilities, our total self, is a gift from God to us. What we do with these natural gifts is our gift to Him.

CHAPLAIN WILLIAM F. SUMMERS

WOMEN IN WHITE

By Lt. Comdr. Mildred M. Morrison (NC) USN

Most of you will remember Lt. Alice I. Klinker who was transferred to San Diego Hospital Corps School about a month ago. She stopped back here last week to tell her friends that she was on her way to Guam where she will be stationed at the U.S.N. Medical Center, School for Native Nurses. Other visitors, but more frequent ones, are the nurses whom we recently transferred to Treasure Island.

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Reported: Lt. Comdr. Lucille M. Beumer (NC) USN from the Dispensary, Naval Center, Sampson, N. Y. and Lt. Comdr. Alice Howell (NC) USNR from the 12th Naval District.

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If you were to visit Ward 62A one of the patients you would encounter would be Miss Gertrude LePage, a white-haired lady of 74 years. She is here by virtue of being a veteran, not of World Wars I or II, but of the Spanish-American War. During that war she served with the Army Nurse Corps and was stationed in Honolulu. We are told that the Army went into battle in the Spanish-American War provided with first-aid packets, with the result that wounds, principally due to modern, steel-jacketed rifle bullets, healed mostly by first intention. But the morbidity and mortality from disease, mainly typhoid, malaria and dysentery, were great.

Miss LePage is a graduate of Childrens Hospital, San Francisco, class of 1896, and has her degree from Stanford. Her home is in Berkeley.

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Our staff was sadly depleted this week by the detachment of 27 nurses who are returning to civilian life. Their plans are many and varied but for the most part involve a long vacation at home. Lt. Comdr. Judith Walther will attend the University of Minnesota this fall where she will start her pre-med. course. Her twin sister, Lt. Lois Walther, plans to be married some time in June. Lt. Ellen Ryan will take a post-graduate course in pediatric nursing and Lt. (jg) Mary Kovacevich plans to work on her masters' degree. Lt. (jg) Kathryn Anderson is headed for Memphis, Tenn., where she will enjoy an extended vacation. She has worked on Ward 43A since Oct. 45 so is missed by the patients and staff there. Lt. (jg) Elizabeth Goldsmith went to Lake Tahoe for a vacation before going to her home in Milford, N. H. Lt. (jg) Rachel Thvedt is taking her vacation in Chicago. Others detached are: Lts. Kathleen Clinton, Beatrice Litremore, Dorothy Fruits, Claudia Irving, Georgia Jones, Dorothy Mendenhall, and Helen Vlasak;

'Oklahoma' Cast Bring Wide Open Spaces to the Foothills



Climaxing an afternoon of hilarious ward entertainment members of the cast of the currently popular musical comedy "Oklahoma" sing the famous title song. Left to right: John Sutton, Suzanne Lloyd, John Lawrence, Dick Kruger and Mary Ruth Hatler. Patients on wards 47A, 61A and 80B had ringside seats, although members of neighboring wards were also invited to attend the performances.

Almost four years ago a musical comedy auspiciously opened on Broadway, New York City. The name of the theatrical production that has made show business history — Oklahoma. Tickets were priceless and those who had a ducat or two guarded the treasure as if it were an atomic bomb secret. To see Oklahoma was admittance into higher and the finer things in life. Rightly enough, Oak Knoll had a box seat view when last Friday the finer element of the Oklahoma cast performed under the bedside lamps of Wards 47A, 61A and 80B. And three shows a day is a rare achievement for the legitimate stage.

The curtain rose at 1400 as the inhabitants and visitors of 47A reclined on beds and available chairs encircling the stage in front of the nurse's station. The room was quiet and expectant.

Then from out of the gear locker which was temporarily fashioned into a backstage dressing room, stepped Master of Ceremonies John Sutton and told a joke—and what a joke, the nurse hid her reddened face in a T.P.R. book—the show was on.

Lts. (jg) Esther Schlinsog, Audrey Grayes, Grace Knopf, Eleanor Sylvester, Elsie Regner, Mary Keenan, Elmira Snowden, Eleanor Peden, Margaret Watson, Jean Scudder, and Anna Larsen; and Ensigns Rita Mullen and Eleanor Smith.

Dick Kruger, acting the part of Curly, caressed the microphone, and in a lusty baritone voice sang "Oh What a Beautiful Morning." Mary Ruth Hatler took over the entertainment department with a sexy song selection about a girl who couldn't say no, and why. Suzanne Lloyd, a pretty blonde soprano, was introduced, and temperatures rose when she told of "The Man I Love."

Rounding out this barrel of fun and enjoyment for many a bed patient was round Mary Marlo, who plays the role of Aunt Eller in the original production. Her first offering was a terrific imitation of Sophie Tucker singing, "Some of These Days," with all the bumps and body accoutrements.

For all this bedside entertainment a goodly portion of the credit can be directed to the efforts of the Red Cross and the graciousness of the A.W.V.S.

Occupational Therapy is now offering one of the most varied programs of constructive relaxation and rehabilitation available, including leather-craft, woodwork, weaving, pottery, book-binding and numerous other small crafts such as model building. Persons interested should contact Lt. Comdr. Frances Niccoll, Occupational Therapy Officer, Building 27, located behind Physiotherapy and the Dental Clinic.

New Wave Officer Assumes Duties

From Balboa Park last week came Lt. Louise Dowlen W-USNR to fill the place left by the departure three weeks ago of Lt. Mary M. Sherrill. Besides taking the position of Public Information Officer, she has also received the title of Women's Reserve Representative.

Miss Dowlen, a native Mississippian, received her Bachelor's Degree from Vanderbilt University. After having taught English and Journalism for a few years, she took post-graduate work at the University of Hawaii, leaving the Islands but a few weeks before the Pearl Harbor attack.

Miss Dowlen entered the Navy as an Apprentice Seaman in the fall of 1943, when she was recommended for Wave's Midshipman School. As a newly commissioned Ensign, she was sent to Washington, where for 22 months she held the position of Assistant Officer in charge of the Waves' barracks. Orders then came through for her transferral to the Port Director's Office of San Francisco. However, she was soon transferred to Balboa Park as Officer in charge of the barracks, due to her previous experience. Six months at Balboa and her orders came for her present duty here at Oak Knoll.

As Public Information Officer, Miss Dowlen holds the responsibility of safeguarding all written and spoken relationships of the hospital with the outside world. Her duty consists of answering letters concerning hospital personnel, publishing information booklets and programs concerning local occasions, and most important of all, she is the advisor to the *Oak Leaf*.

But besides her multiple duties as Public Information Officer, Miss Dowlen is also, as Woman's Reserve Representative, responsible for the conduct of the Waves and the maintenance of their barracks.

Lt. Dowlen will certainly have her hands full of duties, but from our short acquaintance with her, we know she is fully capable of handling them with maximum efficiency.

Submarine Batfish Wins Presidential Citation

The U. S. Submarine Batfish was last week awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for the record-breaking feat of sinking three Jap submarines in four days, using torpedoes each time. Besides this the Batfish sank more than 40,000 tons of enemy shipping in seven sweeps. The present skipper is Lt. Comdr. William A. Scheonfeld, USN, of New York City.

Twice-Wounded Commander Now Heads Chaplains' Staff

From a long tour of sea duty, including a good deal of combat, comes Comdr. Edgar C. Andrews, USN, relieving Comdr. Chrisman as the hospital's senior Chaplain. Chaplain Andrews, no wartime desk-sitter, has been awarded two Purple Hearts and a commendation from the skipper of the USS Colorado.

Comdr. Andrews, who is a Southern Baptist and a native of North Carolina, was born in Swansboro, attended Wake Forest College and received an A.B. degree from High Point College in 1936. He also attended the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia for five years, from which he received the degrees of Bachelor of Theology, Bachelor of Sacred Music and Bachelor of Divinity. During this busy period, Comdr. Andrews was ordained in Sept. 1932 and found time to marry Miss Lois Bennett and raise a daughter and a son, who are now thirteen and twelve respectively.

Before entering the Navy the chaplain was pastor of several churches, including the one in his home town of Thomasville, N. C. He was commissioned an Acting Navy Chaplain in October of 1936 and went into training at Quantico and Norfolk, Va., and aboard the USS Wyoming. Training finished, Comdr. Andrews went aboard the seaplane tender Wright, then skippered by Comdr. Marc Mitscher, who is now a Vice Admiral and in command of the 8th Fleet.

After cruises on the Chaumont and Cincinnati, the advent of Pacific warfare found Chaplain Andrews conducting an enlisted men's Happy Hour at Norfolk. From Norfolk, after a period at Great Lakes, the padre shipped out on the USS Louisville and transferred to the Colorado for the remainder of his wartime duty. He was present at the Kiska fiasco in the Aleutians when the Japs evacuated that island, went from there to the Marshalls and Mariannas, received his first Purple Heart off Tinian for shrapnel wounds in the leg and head, one fragment piercing his helmet shortly after he decided to put it on. The second decoration came to the chaplain when a Kamikaze plane struck near a Seabee detachment which he was serving, wounding him slightly.

Back in the states finally, Comdr. Andrews was stationed at Treasure Island, and his wife and children, having stayed with his parents in Wisconsin while he was away, came to take an apartment in Berkeley, where they now reside. The commander came to Oak Knoll into a hotbed of activity, just in time to supervise and conduct the Easter Week Protestant services.

Chaplain Andrews, genial and softspoken, is proud of the impec-



Chaplain E. C. Andrews

cable record of the Chaplain Corps in combat and hopes to serve the Navy until retirement age. He was noted, besides having done an intrepid job under fire, for his popularity among the men aboard the Colorado. When asked his opinion on heroes he has seen, the chaplain replied in his soft Southern accent, "The boys who really won the war never lived to receive their honors."

Navy Converts Fleet To Peacetime Status

(SEA)—Roll-up of the wartime Navy organization has progressed at a rapid clip since V-J Day. From that date till 1 April 1946, some 2,400 ships were declared surplus; 1,052 of the 4,400 Navy and Marine stations, posts, camps and bases in the U. S. rolled up; and about 100 of the 300 Navy and Marine bases overseas dropped from operational status.

To aid reconversion and civilian production, the Navy has declared as surplus some \$2,100,000,000 worth of materiel in the continental U. S. Terminated contracts, including 15,000 in process of completion, total \$16,300,000,000.

Inactivation of 100 ships, nine-tenths of them major combatant vessels, has been completed, and Ready Reserve fleets are virtually at planned operating status.

Reduction of aircraft is 50 per cent complete. Since V-J Day, contracts calling for 29,000 airplanes have been cancelled.

Demobilization of personnel remains ahead of schedule.

The circus is coming to town! The Aahmes Shrine Circus will be presented in Oakland Auditorium, May 10-19. Tickets for the largest indoor circus are now on sale at the Welfare and Recreation Office, second deck of the Ship's Service Building.

Captain Livingstone Lends Skill to Peripheral Wards

Little known and even less publicized, but a definitely recognized institution, is the unique white-walled hospital within the gates of Oak Knoll. Rightly it should be named after Capt. William K. Livingstone, its founder and undying booster. Constructed a year ago, and christened Wards 53, 54 and 55, this small cure center deals in peripheral nerve injuries.

Throughout Dr. Livingstone's civilian practice, nerve afflictions and extreme pain cases have been foremost in guiding his medical ambitions. He went back to the Civil War, to the genius of Dr. Weir Mitchell and his Union Army patients, and found the most effective blueprint for treating nerve paralysis. To best effect the desired therapy and to thoroughly study and analyze World War II's nerve cases, Dr. Livingstone visioned a separate and centralized clinic, housing the finest in both medical personnel and equipment.

Oak Knoll, through the efforts and determination of the good doctor, is now one of the (if not the) leading hospitals in successful treatment of peripheral nerve ailments. Working with the captain are eight specialized medical men, and as Dr. Livingstone relates, "The finest group of corpsmen and nurses ever to apply their skills under one roof." Complete records of some 1,200 patients are kept by the doctor in chronological order from the day of the casualty and the slow progressive healing until the maximal cure is reached. The "Livingstone Foundation" with its exclusive Physio Therapy and Surgery Department, is actually self-sufficient. Although nerves heal slowly and painfully, the morale, through planned diversions, is high.

Capt. Livingstone twitched his first infant motor nerve in the town of Sparta, Wis. He traveled west to the University of Oregon, and in 1917 emerged, in black cap and gown, with both Bachelor and Master Degrees. He then journeyed east to Massachusetts and enrolled in Harvard Medical School.

In 1920, amply educated at that time, Capt. Livingstone packed a coveted Medical Degree and headed west once again to settle and practice his profession in Portland, Ore. In April of 1941, Capt. Livingstone offered his accumulative knowledge to the Navy. His active appointment came one year later, along with orders to a newly constructed, small receiving hospital—Oak Knoll.

Said one strawberry to another: If we hadn't been caught in the same bed together, we wouldn't be in this jam now.



Capt. William K. Livingstone

Carpentry Shop is Craftmen's Center

Although most activities at Oak Knoll have been tapering off because of the many service men answering the calls of civilian life, the Carpentry Shop is building and expanding and attracting the attention of many patients suffering from idle hour disease. The only prerequisite needed for participation in this up and coming department is ambition and a urge to make some wood or metal project. All tools and materials are free and any article completed becomes the property of the maker.

Two hundred and fifty wood and metal products of labor and design have been completed within the last two months, and range from cigarette lighters to bedroom furniture. Some of the more unusual achievements have been a surf board and a portable tennis table done by Pfc. J. Codbi. The largest structure is the newly finished arbor seat made by two skilled gentlemen, R. W. Nola and Fred E. Ketscher, both first-class privates in the Marine Corps.

But the oddest and by far the most interesting piece of all articles is a portable alcohol bar. After completing his carpentry masterpiece, the envied owner had but one regret, the Carpentry Shop had no facilities for making the whiskey.

V-J Day???

Although the war has been over for eight months, if you were on Guam you wouldn't be too sure. Recently five Japs, who had been at large since the liberation of the Naval Base, were captured in a wild jungle area. They claimed that the first news of Japan's capitulation came to them from a magazine they had found.

A girl's promise to be on time carries a lot of wait.

Ward Corpsmen – Unsung Heroes of Hospital Compound

"Hey, corpsman, bring me some water." "How about turning me over, Doc?" "When are you bringing that chow around?" These are but a few of the multiple greetings heard by the ward corpsman during his daily routine. He receives orders from the nurses and doctors and is usually heckled the whole day through by the patients themselves. He probably receives the least credit of any for his labors and the most criticism, and therefore deserves to have a complete commendation for his efforts in the succeeding paragraphs.

Let's follow the daily routine of their respective jobs. The regular ward corpsman reports for duty at 0600 the morning after liberty. He then starts to administer baths to the bed-ridden patients and to direct the ambulatory ones in securing the ward. On some of the wards where there are a good number of strictly bed patients,



HA1c Al Camare of Ward 77B taking a routine check of the temperature, pulse and respiration of patient Jack Tucker.



PhM3c Saul Salters of ward 75A, preparing a penicillin hypodermic for one of the patients on his ward.

This A.M. care will take up all of the morning, oftentimes extending into the afternoon. Of course he cannot plan any schedule due to the innumerable interruptions such as doctors making sick call or patients yelling for something they dropped on the floor. But nursing is not his only worry, for he is also the ward MAA, and has innumerable other duties such as counting linen, giving medications, picking up and delivering reports and cleaning the ward if the patients are unable to do so themselves.

Having completed his details, he stands by on the ward, answering the patients' calls, until relieved by the night corpsman. That same night, he has to remain on the compound, in his barracks till six the next morning.

Occasionally he is awakened by one of the night Master-at-Arms who cheerily says he is to report for a two hour special watch, after which he wearily trods back to the barracks to resume his sleep. At 0600 the next morning, the P. A. system turns loose with a tirade

of salty lingo accompanied by all the lights going on. He usually manages to hit the deck before the MAA's come through. There is one hour for him to clean up his cubicle, eat chow and muster, before he relieves the night corpsman.

This being his liberty day, he works on the ward until noon, unless he has been called out on convoy duty. But by no means is his day then through, for the barracks Master-at-Arms gets hold of him at one and puts him on a working detail till liberty time.

"Special watches" have about the same hours as the ward corpsman. Their duty consists only of the care of one or two patients, these patients being incapable of taking care of themselves, necessitating special attention.

The secretary of the ward is the doctor's corpsman. He is respon-

sible for the up-to-date filing of the records, making appointments for patients with the doctor and answering the telephone. When he finishes his office details, he works the remaining part of his daily time on the ward.

The characters seen coasting down the hills with the chow carts are the galley corpsmen. Thrice a day they report to their commissaries, pick up their carts, push them to the wards and feed the patients. They then have to wash all the silver, cups, and trays and return the cart to the respective commissary. On some wards where there are but a few patients who are unable to walk to chow, this duty is extremely easy. But on the other hand, there are wards with forty or fifty bed patients to be fed, or Sick Officers Quarters with teapots, glasses, and all sorts of china to be cleaned and dried.



HA1c Jack Stevenson checking the numerous notes in the doctor's office on ward 46A.

The most responsible duty of the entire group is had by the dressing room corpsman. He has to know how to assist the doctor in minor surgery, do post-operative dressings and pre-operative preparations, how to do certain applications of medications, besides many other duties. Usually he has spent several months on the ward, learning the fundamental techniques of sterile procedure and the names and applications of the various dressings. On most wards he is a rated man.

As can be seen, the ward corpsman deserves a good share of the honors for the success of the hospital, for his rate may be about the lowest, but his long hours and hard work ranks well compared to most others.



Dressing room corpsman HA1c Richard Courtney of ward 71A doing one of the many daily changes of dressings.

Coast Guard Emblem On Hospital Shield?

Attention has been brought to the editors concerning the insignia appearing on the masthead. Apparently there is a great resemblance between the Hospital emblem and that of the Coast Guard. The emblem on the *Oak Leaf* shows both the eagle's beak and the flukes of the anchor facing the observer's left. The Coast Guard insignia shows the eagle's beak to the observer's left and the flukes of the anchor to the right.

A liquor, a food and a mattress salesman were sitting at a small table drinking beer and engrossed in deep conversation. The liquor salesman spoke first and said: "You know, I hate to see a woman drink alone."

"I hate to see a woman eat alone," added the food salesman.

The mattress salesman maintained a gentlemanly silence.

Two former navy pilots met on the street of their home town. With true naval exuberance they slapped each other on the back, and one of the lads said to the other, "Say, Bill, I heard you got your old paper route back."

Benny Carter to Bring Jazz For V-E Day Celebration



Benny Carter, music's most versatile band leader, who gives Oak Knoll his moody blues and unexcelled jump tunes in a stage show at 1500 and the All Hands Dance next Wednesday, presented by the Welfare and Recreation Department.

Handicrafts Offered by Red Cross

"Gee, I wish I had come up here sooner" or, "I'm leaving Friday and would sure like to do some plexi-glass work." "How do fellows find out about this shop?" are comments frequently heard in the Red Cross Craft Shop, topside Building 102.

Patients will find materials, tools, designs and instructions for all types of craft work. Some of the more popular gifts to make for a special girl, mother, sister or wife are bracelets, block print aprons, picture frames and leather purses.

The hours of the Red Cross Craft Shop are 0900 to 1130 and 1300 to 1600 every day except Sunday.

With trout season opening the 1st of May, fly-tying is in full swing. George Bendoritis Mm 1/c, 220-lb. "fly-tyer" from Eagle River, Wis., now a patient on ward 44B, is busy teaching patient fishermen how to make their own flies. If he gets liberty, he plans to take off for the Sierra Nevadas to try some of his own flies. Anyone interested in learning fly-tying, let any Red Cross worker know, and George will come to your ward and help you get started.

The Messrs. Lauthers, Maloney, Cavalier and McNeil of ward 62B, whose birthdays were in April,

really were honored on Wednesday night with a party given by some University of California girls. To make all the patients feel rich, the girls gave \$20 (play money, unfortunately), which they immediately used to bet on their favorite horses in the popular horse racing game. Those lucky men who still had lots of that "filthy lucre" at the end of the racing, had a chance to buy the beautifully decorated box lunches, and eat with the girl of their choice.

Remembering the correct name of luscious movie stars was no mental feat at all in ward 80B Tuesday afternoon, April 23, but everyone decided many heads were better than one when the automobile quiz was introduced. Although it's a difficult quiz, there were so many winners that those who were 100 per cent correct had to roll the "bones" for first and second prizes.

High spot of the day were the delicious strawberry nut sundaes prepared by the Red Cross worker, Mrs. Petterson, and a crew of three men from the ward.

Not only are those men from 80B mental giants, but, listen girls—they are mighty handy around the kitchen, too.

Coming Attractions

POWER-PACKED

It's the story of a two-fisted guy named Steve... and the girl who learned what love meant when he crushed her in his arms!

KING VIDOR'S Production

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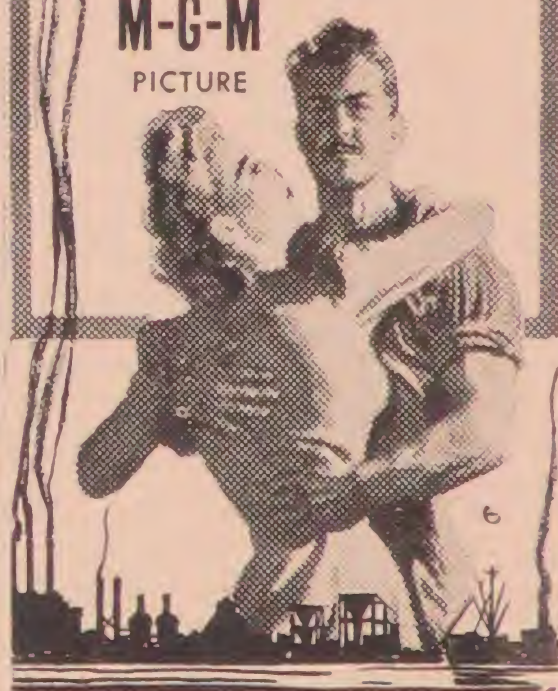
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KING VIDOR

Screen Play by Herbert Dalmas and William Ludwig

A Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Picture

AN M-G-M PICTURE



Saturday, 4 May



Sunday, 5 May

The Alligator Story

A slightly inebriated gentleman sat in a bar, shaking his head and muttering quietly to himself. He noticed two sailors nearby and approached them with a grin. "It's truly wonderful about the alligator," he began. "Yeah?" the sailors looked at him suspiciously. "Greatest animal that ever lived," the drunk went on, half to himself. The sailors turned away. "You know



Monday, 6 May

"EASY TO WED"

Van Johnson - Esther Williams
Tuesday, 7 May

Benny Carter Stage Show, 1500

All Hands Dance, 2000

Wednesday, 8 May

THE STRANGEST JUNGLE DRAMA EVER FILMED!



Thursday, 9 May

"THE BRIDE WORE BOOTS"

Barbara Stanwyck - Robert Cummings
Friday, 10 May

what a li'l alligator does every spring the drunk nudged one. "No, what does a li'l alligator do every spring?" the sailor mimicked him. "Every spring the lady alligator goes down the hill, across the stream, and up under the bingo tree and she lays three thousand alligator eggs. And then the man alligator follows the lady alligator down the hill, across the stream, and up under the bingo tree where the lady alligator laid the three thousand eggs, and he eats up 2,999 of those eggs—all except one. How's that?" the drunk ended on note of triumph. The sailor and his friend were somewhat let down. "Well isn't that just cute?" he snorted. "So what?" "Whoa down there," the drunk held up his hands. "You'll never know what a lucky guy you are. Why, if the man alligator didn't eat up all the eggs but one you'd be up to your --- in alligators."

The Sporting Scene



The golf driving range, which is located near the practice baseball field behind the firehouse, is open to both patients and staff from 1000 until 1600 daily. If you want to straighten out that hook or slice, here is the place to take a crack at it.

Baseball

The Oak Knoll nine turned in an excellent report last week with two overwhelming victories over the Industrial Enamel team of San Francisco and the Oakland Naval Supply Depot.

On March 25, the Knollers defeated the Supply Depot by the wide margin of 11 to 2. R. Smith exhibited an excellent display of hitting ability by fanning 14 men and allowing but three hits, all singles. The combination of the day was McClain and Segale, at second and shortstop, turning in the double plays. Segale, besides his excellent fielding, also led the hitting list with a homer and two doubles out of five trips to the plate.

The Industrial Enamel fell before the hard-hitting representatives of the hospital with a score of 17 to 5. Again it was Segale and McClain at the head of the hitting and fielding roster, the former hitting three doubles, a homer, and a single out of six times at bat, and the latter knocking out a pair

Bowling

Last Monday night saw the Bowling League level off to an extremely close tie between Staff Doctors No. 3 and Welfare and Recreation teams Nos. 1 and 2, each having won nine matches and lost six. Next in line are Staff Doctors No. 1 and X-ray with eight wins and seven losses. The night's high scores were turned in by Polka and J. Henry Bohm with a 204 and a 206, respectively. In the individual matches, the Dental team won two and lost one to Snafu. Staff Doctors No. 1 lost all three to X-ray and Staff Doctors No. 3 lost all three to Welfare and Recreation No. 1. Welfare and Recreation No. 2 lost two and won one with Staff Doctors No. 2.

of doubles and a single for five. Pitcher Gil Garfield struck out 11 men until the seventh inning when he was relieved by Carlson and Smith. The only significant opposition was turned in by Gonzales of the Enamelers with his three of their five hits.

SCUTTLEBUTT

You may think you got troubles with discharges and stuff, but think of the poor little Waves, they've got cockroaches in their wash-rooms. **Bobby Silvester** was combing out a costly permanent wave when a huge cockroach leaped across the mirror. She wished it was **Bob Stahley**, but it was just a tremendous brown cockroach. "**Pep**" **Peplinshi** collects all dead vermin to feed her three turtles, "**Chuggy**," "**Victor**" and "**Sam**."

The Roach situation became so serious that **Betty Pettite**, **Florence Larsen** and **Edith Spenser** conferred and concluded with a pledge to do all in their power to chemically annihilate this plague of unwelcome intruders. They immediately called various departments but got very little response. J. G. Forrester of Medical Storeroom told the bewildered women to contact the Pest Control Unit. Their help pleas reached the M.A.A. shack, where **Chief Ford** flatly refused to detail any corpsmen to kill cockroaches in the Wave barracks. In desperation these three sweet girls phoned the O.O.D.'s desk and at last found the solution that would rid the barracks of those beasts. The O.O.D.'s prescription was: get two fairly substantial boards, put the roach between one while swatting it with the other. . . . And you think you have troubles???

From the pen of **Gil Salvage**, at present serving time as a P.A.L., comes the lyrics to a song that will definitely bring community singing to our hospital. The music is identical to "**Prisoner of Love**," but the words will never be forgotten by **Oak Knoll** personnel. In order to insure immediate popularity, the **Oak Leaf** staff will conduct singing sessions of **Gil Salvage's** great composition, "**Just a Prisoner-at-Large**."

Save your money in Savings Bonds and watch it grow to harvest thirty-three and one-third percent more than the initial investment.

Termite's nightmare: I dreamt I dwelt in marble halls.



Lined up from night to night you'll find me,

This muster only helps remind me,

To always watch M. A. 's behind me,

I'm just a prisoner-at-large.

For one command I stand in wait now,

Maybe they'll let me sweep the gate now,

I could escape, but why crowd fate now,

I'm just a prisoner-at-large.

What's the good of my pleading,

It's rest that I'm needing,

You poor boy Sal.

And through all this cleaning, I'm learning the meaning of **Pal**.

To **Rowe** upon my knees I'm creeping,

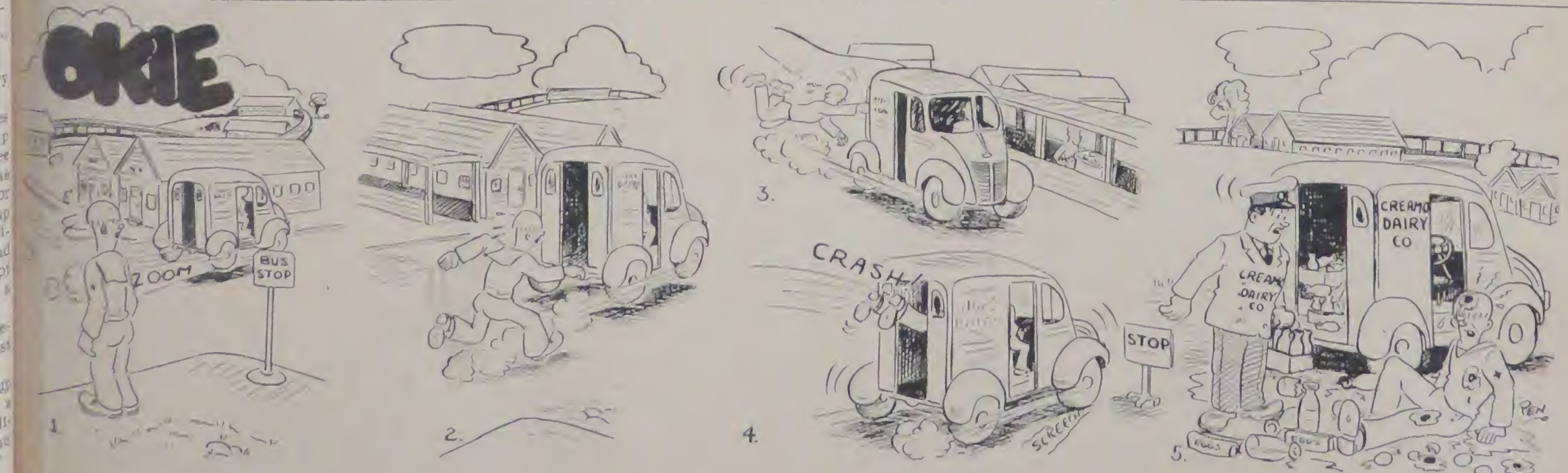
I took those sheets just for safe-keeping,

My E. P. D. is in your keeping,

I'm just a prisoner-at-large. . . .

HOBBY SHOP NEWS . . .

The Hobby Shop, located in the Ship's Service building, has just received a supply of gasoline motors for model airplanes. Artists will be interested to know that a few aircraft supplies are also on hand. A series of official metal identification models (to scale) are on sale, the models ranging from the largest carriers on down to destroyers and submarines, each bearing the specific variations of its own class.



★ **Men of Responsibility** ★



Mr. M. Frank Sonntag, guardian of law and order and self-styled seadog, shown dividing his duties between the judicial and the domestic. Believe it or not, that's a second-generation Sonntag having his accommodations adjusted.

Security Insured by Bonds

First of all, the threat of inflation faces us now in an even greater degree than it did during the war. But how will the purchase of bonds help to control inflation? Simply by absorbing a part of this purchasing power now in the hands of our people and holding it out of circulation until such time as goods and services are again available. Thus, in effect, we can artificially adjust the volume of purchasing power to create a more normal balance with the limited amount of goods available today.

When reconversion is complete and consumer goods again start to flow into the market, the reserve of consumer dollars which we have built up through bond investments can then be released to provide a huge market which will keep the wheels of industry turning and thus contribute immeasurably to a sustained prosperity.

The second and by far the most important reason we should regularly purchase bonds is in our own self-interest. There is a little story told of a Persian merchant, very rich in worldly goods, who was approached by one of his neighbors, a poor man clad in rags. The poor man spoke to him and said, "How is it that you are so rich

while I am so poor? We were both the sons of poor shepherds, we were both schooled by the same masters, you have worked no harder than I, yet you live in a fine palace while I live in a goatskin tent. How is this so?"

The rich man replied, "There is a secret which you must know and remember."

"And what is this secret?" the poor man asked eagerly.

"The secret," the merchant replied, "is the knowledge that a part of all you earn is yours to keep."

Part of what you earn is yours to keep—and what better way to keep it than to invest in United States Savings Bonds. Figures prove that you do not have to be wealthy to assure yourself of an adequate retirement income and a substantial cash estate. Small monthly savings will insure it. See the allotment plans outlined in the April 20th issue of the Oak Leaf.

Anyone who desires information in regards to bonds is invited to call at any time at the Security Office, Building No. 1. Your questions will be cheerfully answered. Maybe we can erase any doubt in your mind about Savings Bonds.

Off the Bookshelf

Every morning when the sun rises with a warm golden glow, the staff and patients of Oak Knoll become infected with that good old summer ailment called spring fever. The only cure known to librarians is to read a book, so the selections this week are those you might have overlooked.

Guy: *Heaven is a Sunswept Hill*. A family story of a river-bottom farmer, and the rampaging Mississippi.

Wilson: *A Man's Reach*. The story of a man's life from soldier to the governorship of Arkansas.

Kantor: *Long Remember*. The villagers of Gettysburg, almost without warning, are engulfed in a battle that will be long remembered.

Pratt: *Thunder Mountain*. A family reunion in a mountain retreat and the reaction of each when the only means of escape, a bridge, is blown up.

Whitman: *Guilty in the Tropics*. A story of wit and violence in the Caribbean.

Gulbrandsen: *Beyond Sing The Woods*. Fifty years in the life of a Norwegian family on an estate in the hills.

Shedd: *Hurricane Cave*. Three stories of the violent, lonely living in the tropics.

West: *The Harsh Voice*. Four short novels of love; one of a pleasant murder.

Burke: *A Tea-Shop in Limehouse*. Humor and irony are found in these tales told by Quong in his tea shop.

"Is your boy friend broad-minded?"

"Yeah, that's all he thinks about."

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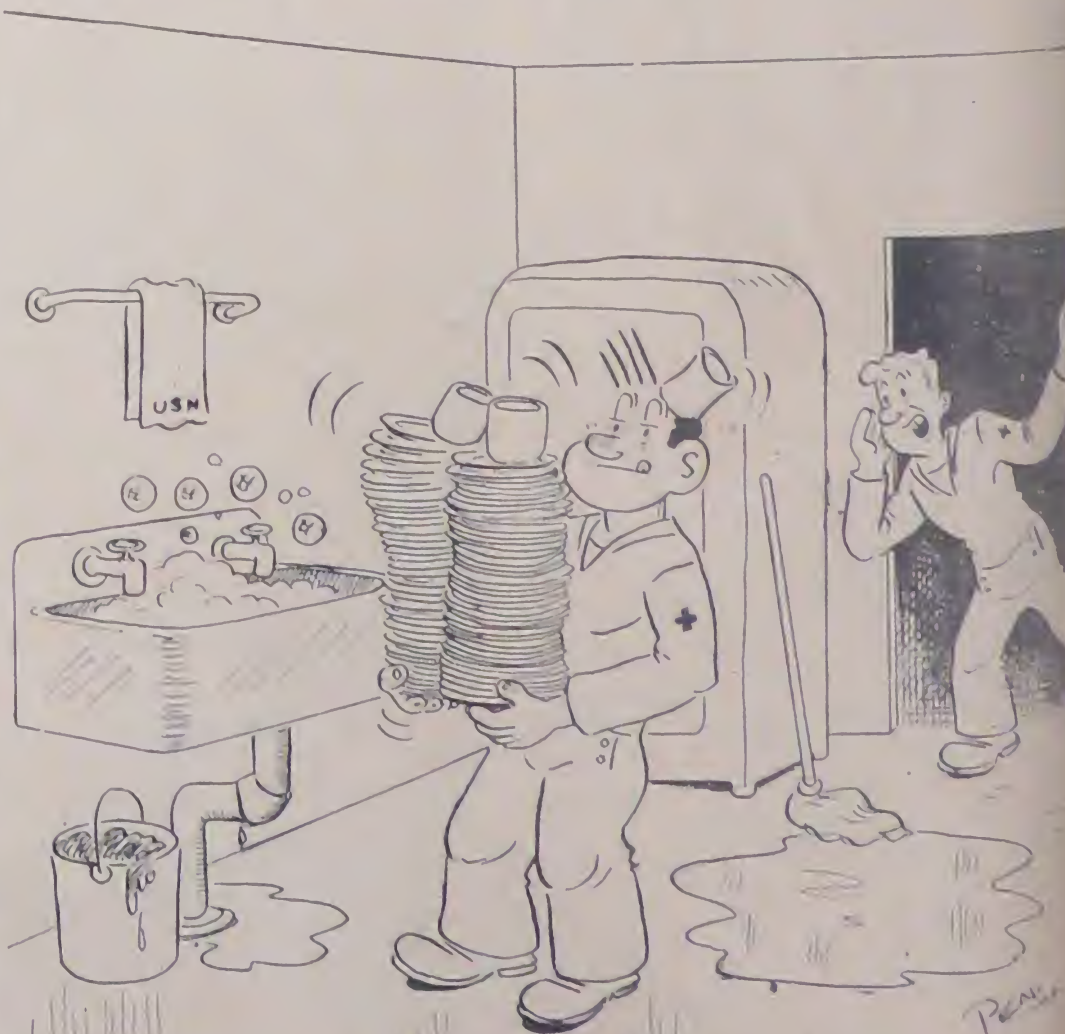
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MOIPHY

By Penberthy



"THE DEMOBILIZATION OFFICE JUST CALLED. MOIPHY YOU'RE ELIGIBLE FOR DISCHARGE!"



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Admiral Commends Hospital for the Mars Evacuation

A letter of commendation has been received by Captain Dearing from Rear Admiral J. W. Reeves, USN, of the Naval Air Transport Command "for the cooperation and assistance of the deplaning and transportation of the patients brought by the Hawaii Mars evacuation flight."

The flight, which took place on the 22nd of April, went down in history as the greatest single air evacuation movement up to that time. One hundred patients were flown from Hawaii to Alameda Airport in only 14 hours and 42 minutes. Amid the flashing of photographer's bulbs, the patients were unloaded from tiers of bunks in the plane into the waiting ambulances within 40 minutes.

The patients were then driven by 21 ambulances to Oak Knoll, where they were assigned wards to await further transferral to hospitals closer to their homes. Pharmacist Close, Assistant Draft Coordinator, arranged transportation for the patients, with the assistance of Pharmacist Holland, Transportation Officer.

Empty Shelves in Navy Warehouses

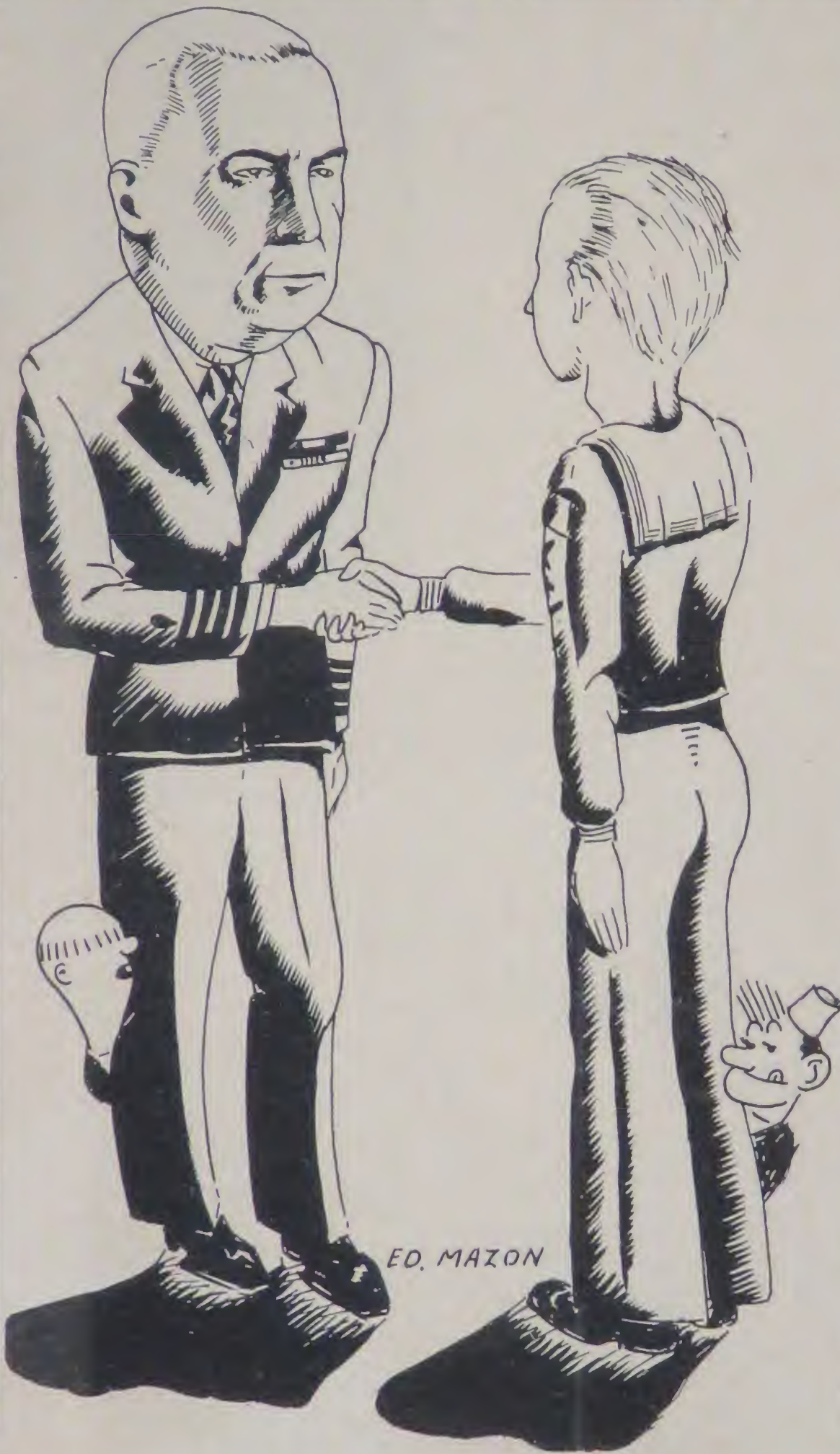
(SEA) — Short on skivvies, mates? Here's why.

To help end the current clothing shortage, the Navy has reduced its inventory of some critical civilian clothing items, such as shorts and undershirts, to less than one for every four men in the projected peacetime Navy. This has enabled the Navy to concentrate its full production on filling civilian needs for these articles.

Peacetime procurement of such items will average less than 15 per cent of the wartime peak.

With an eye to reducing future Navy needs, Rear Admiral W. J. Carter, Supply Corps, USN, has outlined a Navy clothing conservation program that includes a step-down in clothing renovation, lowered warehouse stock levels, limiting of individual purchases of scarce items and surplus clothing declarations totaling more than \$85,000,000.

WELL DONE



Capt. A. H. Dearing, Medical Officer in Command, extends to PhM3c John Penberthy, "Oak Leaf" cartoonist, a Well Done "for his excellent work on the 'Oak Leaf.' His creations 'Moiphy' and 'Okie' have added spice to the paper and caused many a quiet chuckle as well as hearty laughs. May he have every success in the future and keep both his brainchildren alive."

Admiral D. B. Beary Inspects Hospital

Oak Knoll was honored briefly Thursday afternoon when Rear Admiral D. B. Beary, Commandant of the 12th Naval District, made a spot inspection of the hos-

pital compound.

This was Admiral Beary's first visit to Oak Knoll since he relieved Rear Admiral C. H. Wright as Commandant on April 1.

Entertainment Heads V-E Day Festivities

There was colorful entertainment enough for anyone last Wednesday at Oak Knoll. On that day, May 8th, fell the first anniversary of victory in Europe, and for celebration thereof the hospital turned out in style.

Liberty for all patients began in the morning, and simultaneously the main gate was thrown open to visitors. At 1330 a company of Waves, a company of doctors, one of nurses, and two of corpsmen, marched around the main oval and stood in formation while the commanding officer, Capt. A. H. Dearing, and executive officer, Capt. H. E. Robbins, presented medals and citations to members of the staff and patients.

Presentation of Medals

The Silver Star Medal was pinned on Lieut. John K. Barbieri of the staff, and on Marine Sgt. George Nelson, who is a patient here.

MM1c Shafter D. Cox, a patient on Ward 82-A, received the Navy and Marine Corps Medal and a Gold Star in lieu of a second award.

Captain Robbins awarded to Captain Dearing, the commanding officer, a commendation and ribbon from the Secnav for his job in the efficient administration of this hospital. Also receiving commendation were Capt. William K. Livingston, who heads the peripheral nerve department here, and Comdr. James Crawford, also of the staff.

Bronze Stars were presented to Lieut. N. R. Peters, USMCR, Capt. Charles A. MacGowan, USN (Ret.), and Comdr. J. C. Luce, Medical Officer on Ward 54.

Receiving Presidential Unit Citations were CMM E. L. Murphy, and StM1c Nicholas Ceralde, while Navy Unit Commendations were awarded AMM2c Merle O. Cox, CRE John T. Landis, and EM1c W. H. Lillie.

Jazz in Amphitheater

At 1500 the crowd migrated to the outdoor amphitheater, where Benny Carter and his outstanding band were given one of the best receptions for visiting orchestras

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• How Hungry Are You?

It's really pretty comfortable, the line of food laid out, every section steaming hot, each carrying some particular part of the dinner. A mere scoop or two of the ladle fills the tray with whatever you desire. What! One piece of butter and only one brick of ice cream? Oh well, there have to be some sacrifices made. A turn of the handle fills the cup with cool, nourishing milk, or hot, invigorating coffee. No, the salad isn't what we'd like today; we wish they would leave that type out.

The table is clean and shiny, a fresh-filled bottle of catsup and a vial of meat sauce sitting alone in the center. Open the window if you think it's too warm in here, not too wide though; we have a slight cold.

The line extends for a half mile. They are all dressed uniformly, but not white hats and blue jumpers. It's a dull gray uniform, a gray painted by years of filth and wear, the cloth draped to cover every area exposed to the elements. The line runs up to a large bowl containing a gray gruel, matching the uniforms of the bodies waiting to devour it.

With but a few small ladlefuls the awaiting receptacle is filled—half way only, whether it be an old plate, a tin can, or a pair of bare numb hands stained brown from grubbing in piles of refuse.

The individuals then slink away to a secluded area to enjoy their feast. The gruel is washed down with a drink of stagnant water scooped from a near-by puddle. It is then a race to go back to the end of the line, but always in vain, for there is never enough for another bowlful. Some are even lucky to receive their first amount.

It is a long wait until the next day, accompanied by the continual fear that the wait may be in vain. The flock of gray phantoms, like a pack of carrion-eating animals, search the same area over and over hoping to discover another edible morsel.

The contrast is startling in its repulsiveness. Man, in his usual selfish attitude, is unable to perceive any misery beyond his own short-radiused sphere. How can one man squander food with his brother starving near by, whether his brother be from Breslau, Brussels, Athens, Foochow or Chungking?

The pathetic part of the situation is that it can be remedied so easily. The United States has the major part of the world's food supplies under her control. The United States is also wasting a large part of these same food supplies by careless handling and usage. But a fraction of the produce grown on the fields for human consumption ever reaches a human mouth, the majority having been thrown away as either unfit for the American gourmet or else just plain "excess."

We had rationing to aid in the proper distribution of food. But the crafty American was able to avoid this by his clever use of Black Markets.

The Oak Knoll chow line, contrary to the occasional sundry remarks, is more than sufficient every meal, for there are always more calories and protein in each average serving to sustain a hard-working laborer for more than a day. But in spite of this excess, there is always the person who likes to see his tray loaded to the brim in spite of the fact that he can eat but half of it.

The amount of food coming into the hospital is determined by the amount left after each meal. Careful discretion at the steam table will enable the hospital to cut down in certain items which can be utilized overseas where they are vitally needed.

Party Honors Lt. Comdr. Ball



Lt. Comdr. F. O. Ball (HC) USN, Oak Knoll's commissary officer was honored recently at a farewell party given by the staff of Commissary II. Above, Comdr. Ball is shown cutting the first piece of the elaborate cake. Watching him is Ens. Earl F. Hickey (HC) USN, who will become commissary officer upon Comdr. Ball's departure.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"Honor Thy Mother"

Let us not be superficial and shallow in the way we honor Mothers. It is very easy to commercialize this wonderful custom Mother's Day. By press and radio we are encouraged to buy a perfect gift for Mother. It is fitting that we remember our Mothers with some token of our love for and appreciation of her. But it is too easy and meaningless to buy a gift, send a box of candy or flowers, mail a card, or call her on the telephone. These things should be symbols of a deeper comprehension of the true meaning of Mother's Day.

Nothing is too good for our Mothers. In some ways they have fought the hardest battles of all in these war years of waiting. Their days were filled with anxiety, fear, longing, and uncertainty. Yet with fear in their hearts and prayers on their lips, they smiled and carried on. By bitter experience they understand the words, "They also serve who only stand and wait."

They deserve the best. The best we can give them is ourselves. Years ago when Lincoln was asked to what he attributed his success, he replied, "All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my Mother." His life was the greatest honor he could bestow upon that stepmother who reared, loved, encouraged, and guided him.

The best way we can honor our Mothers is to be the sons and daughters they taught and hoped us to be. Be loyal to the faith she learned at her knees, keep untainted the moral ideals she taught, speak the truth she insisted upon. In other words, be pure, honest, true, and righteous in body, mind, and spirit. Thus your remembrance will not be restricted merely to an annual day. Instead, your life will be a daily, living remembrance of her. No greater gift or honor can you bestow upon your Mother.

CHAPLAIN JACK L. ZERWAL

Annapolis Man Put on Sick List by Poor Adrenal Glands

That a graduate of the Naval Academy at Annapolis should ever find himself in the predicament of not being able "to hold his salt" shouldn't happen to a sea-dog. But it happened to Lt. Robert E. Bailey, USN, until last Sunday an in-and-out dweller on Ward 66A. For Bailey holds the distinction of being Oak Knoll's rarest endocrinologic rarity. He is the only man with Addison's disease ever to be treated here.

If it is Addison's disease, what is Bailey doing with it? Well, Bailey has it because something happened to make his adrenal cortex stop giving with the hormone. The disease takes its eponym from Thomas Addison, who first described it in 1855 and noted that it was caused by a disorder of the adrenal gland.

In Addison's disease, lots of things go wrong, some of which the doctors don't know much about yet. But probably the biggest breach in the works is the kidney's inability to hold salt, or more specifically, sodium, in the body fluids. This inability to keep sodium from being excreted in turn results in loss of water and eventually vascular collapse that is recognized as shock.

In Bailey's case the shock was recognized but the disease wasn't, at least for awhile. He had been radar and machinegun officer on the destroyer Philip for 18 months and was playing baseball on the island of Morotai in April a year ago when he found the trip too much for him. In fact, he healed over, was dragged out, reeled in the shade with some water, and chalked up in the records as a case of sun-stroke. After three days in sick bay, Bailey went to stand his watch again, but collapsed on the bridge. The doctor decided some investigation was indicated and transferred him to the hospital ship USS Refuge.

There a diagnostic controversy started which ended with Bailey arriving at Oak Knoll in June with the diagnosis of Addison's disease. Even so, the doctors here were skeptical and Bailey was subjected to a careful scrutiny, both visual and chemical.

A few freckles and some dark spots on his lips became a tremendous bone of contention to the internists. For another effect of absence of the adrenal cortical hormone is the deposition of a dark pigment either diffusely or in spots over the body, lips, and oral mucous membranes. The question was, had those spots always been there, or were they new? Bailey himself couldn't say!

A third characteristic in "Addisonians" is a disturbance of carbohydrate metabolism. A glucose tolerance test had been done aboard the Refuge and Bailey's curve had turned out to have an abnormally flat contour. This was in favor of the diagnosis he had been given.

Finally, when a "water test," based on the inability of Addi-



sonians to conserve water during periods of thirst, proved to be positive, it was felt that Bailey certainly had the disease.

Treatment was immediate and dramatic. To restore body-fluid sodium, salt solutions were given intravenously. And to make Bailey capable of retaining the salt once it was put there, replacement of his adrenal cortical hormone was accomplished with extracts from animal adrenal glands. In addition he was given a chemically pure synthesized substance called desoxycorticosterone acetate (Doca for short), which has the same salt-conserving effect as crude adrenal extract.

Under this treatment Bailey came around in a remarkably short time. The proper dosage of Doca was soon established.

At this point Bailey became a combined medical-surgical show ground. In the early part of last September an incision was made beneath his left scapula and twelve tiny pellets containing Doca were dropped into subcutaneous pockets for Bailey's future use. There they are being slowly absorbed, supplying his daily need for the cortical hormone until next September, when he will be ready for a "refill" which will last another year.

Now that he carries his adrenal cortex under his shoulder blade, Bailey finds his disease "no strain." In spite of his excellent response, however, he will be retired from the Navy in San Diego, where he arrived by plane last Sunday. It cannot be denied that a crimp has been put in his plans, for he was awaiting orders to flight training when he became ill. But now that flying is out of reach, he has no intention of being weaned away from aviation. He's got his eye on a job in aviation research, developing a gas turbine engine.

WOMEN IN WHITE

By Lt. Comdr. Mildred M. Morrison (NC) USN

This week this column is truly devoted to "Women in White" but in a much different sense than is usually thought of by that phrase. This week the meaning is changed to honor several of our nurses who were recent brides.

A ceremony at the chapel united in marriage Lt. Helen Hale and Harold Allen on Friday, April 26.

The chapel was also the nuptial scene of Ens. Catherine Seitz and Walter Tretton who were married on April 27. The ceremony was performed by Father Griffin. The Trettons will make their home at 171 Third Anita Drive, Los Angeles, Calif.

Ens. Audrey M. Smith became Mrs. Thomas J. Goss, II, at recent rites on April 28. They will reside in Colorado City, Tex., as soon as both have received their discharges.

A marriage of interest to all the staff is that of Lt. (jg) Frances Schaser (NC) USN, to Lt. (jg) Curt Bleufeld (MC) USNR, which was solemnized at 1530 on Saturday, May 4 at the chapel with Chaplain Summers officiating. Both their parents were able to be here for the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Schaser coming from Gary, Ind., and Dr. Bleufeld's parents from New York. Dr. and Mrs. Bleufeld will make their home in New Jersey when he receives his discharge.

Another marriage of interest is that of Ens. June Ericksen and PhM2c John Hardgrave, which took place in San Francisco on April 27. Their home will be in Berkeley where the groom will continue his pre-med course at Stanford University as soon as he receives his discharge.

Lt. (jg) Laura Tabb and E. W. Gay were married on Friday, May 3. Their home will be in Colorado.

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Detached: Ens. Dorothy Brophy and Lts. (jg) Alice Shipley, Thelma Strickler, and Linnie Pittman.

Reported: Lt. Helen Corotto, Lts. (jg) Sara Byars and Catherine Whitt, and Ensigns Beatrice Peterson, Jean Heiges, Alice Shonert, Elizabeth Rogers, and Alice Slen-dak from USNH, Shoemaker, Calif.

More on V-E Day

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seen here in many weeks. Benny's magic fingers brought jive par excellence from saxophone, trumpet, clarinet and piano, and his versatility had the open air stage ringing with applause.

With the approach of evening the officers and nurses gathered in sweaters, gray flannels and dungarees for an informal barbecue picnic, followed by a barn dance at the Officers' Club. The holiday celebration was closed by an All Hands dance in the Auditorium, with Benny Carter again on the bandstand.

New Items at Ship's Stores

Did anyone ask what's new in our bargain appealing Ship's Service?

The weather deck adjoining the fountain has blossomed into a place of scenic beauty which compromises all the appeal of an elite country club. Leather upholstered chairs with their rainbow colorings are catching the eye of all travelers along Oak Knoll's "Main Street." Accompanying the 25 chairs are five burn-proof tables that will comfortably accommodate 18 milk shake containers at one sitting.

The featured articles at the Ship's Service merchandise store next week will be Elgin 16-jeweled watches and General Electric irons in both the travel and standard styles.

The hobby shop's newest offering is a wood model of the San Francisco cable car, a gasoline engine hydroplane and an electric Dockside switch engine.

A great stride in the form of a gift will be presented to Ship's Service patrons by the revolutionary and liberal proprietors. Be on hand Wednesday morning and receive the merchandise which will be given away free at the fountain.

Waves Rumpus Room Open for Parties

As if their beauty and patriotic charm wasn't enough to offer a sailor suitor, our seersuckered Waves have opened a Rumpus Room located in the hold of the Waves' dormitory. This informal play-pen, which is threatening the patronage of many of the surrounding cities' joy houses, is provided by our Waves for the sole purpose of entertainment.

The Rumpus Room offers all compound liberty couples a ping-pong table, a radio-phonograph, records, needles, and ample dancing space. The snack bar can be used by persons wishing to serve refreshments for special events such as birthday parties and honorable discharges.

From Rags to Riches

(SEA) — Some destitute European women may soon be wearing ermine and mink as the result of a Victory Clothing Drive in the District of Columbia that yielded 250 fur garments, including an ermine wrap and a dozen mink coats. A grand total of 2,100,000 items was contributed during the seven-week drive.

Famous last words: They can't ship me out; I'm indispensable.

Your hair is like spun gold, your eyes like limpid pools.

Your lips — gad — what a mess they must make on a coffee cup.

Constant Repair Keeps PWO Busy

In a modest office, located in building 10, sits a man who has one of the most important duties on the hospital compound. To him fall innumerable tasks ranging from the repair of a leaking pipe



in the Waves' barracks to the construction of a 200-foot sidewalk between two buildings. His name is John P. Yaklish, Lt. Commander, CEC, USNR.

Mr. Yaklish, a native of the Keystone state, received his Bachelor of Science in mining from Penn State. Prior to entering the Navy, he held positions with the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and the United Engineers and Constructors, Inc. July, 1943, found him in naval uniform with one and one-half stripes at the Indoctrination School at Camp Perry, Virginia. After a short stateside tour of duty with the 128th Construction Battalion, he was assigned to the 21st Construction Regiment at Camp Parks in Shoemaker, with which group he went overseas to the Treasury Islands and Marshall group. He then returned to Camp Endicott, Rhode Island, after some Hawaiian Island duty with Cinc-Pac. From there he was sent to Oak Knoll as Public Works Officer.

Busy Mr. Yaklish has charge of the electric, machine, painting, carpentry, and plumbing shops located in the Public Works Building—besides controlling the gardeners, labor crews and powerhouse. Since there is always some need for repairs, his duties constantly keep him bustling about checking the numerous projects going on.

Lucky, Lucky Brakeman

(SEA)—With nothing to do but figure his mounting windfall, railroad brakeman A. E. Ringsted happily lounged in a quarantined railroad car accumulating overtime pay at a great rate. When one of the 30 soldiers in his car was stricken with smallpox, Ringsted was caught "on duty" by the quarantine.

Wave: Whisper something sweet and soft to me.

CPhM: Marshmallow fluff.

RC Gives Tours, Picnics, Parties

It was "Hi! Ho, Come to the Fair" when the Berkeley "Coettes" entertained Wards 60A and B at a colossal County Fair on Friday evening, May 3rd.

There were side shows, test your strength contests, picture taking, measured smiles, guessing weight, and ring the hooks. Pop corn and ice cream cones completed the old familiar atmosphere.

Special attractions included a funny paper boxing match, a dishpan horse race, back holding contest, the winners of each being awarded cups and prizes.

Highlight of the evening was an old-fashioned square dance when lucky guys swung their partners and do-si-doed about the ward.

S1c Frederick Cooper Shambough won the name contest with 24 letters to his name. The "animal fair" side show was championed by PhM3c La Verne Schauder, who walked away with the Fish Pond and Darts prizes, too. The clothespin high dive had two winners, with both Ward Dielon and Harry Smith making a perfect score. "Club" Brenner scored 860 points on the Ring Board. S1c Edward Wanazyk and S1c John Sanoff guessed the correct weight of the stone. So it went. A gay night for a grand bunch of guys.

With not a care in the world, 12 men from wards 43A and B hit the trail last Thursday, May 2, via bus and station wagon for Charles Tilden Park and Lake Anza in the Berkeley hills. The Skyline Blvd. gave them a perfect view of the bay area, but they did not have time to stop and enjoy the scenery.

The fresh air at Lake Anza gave a man an appetite, and the delicious sandwiches, cookies, fresh fruit and cokes packed by Red Cross canteen disappeared in short order.

A sightseeing tour of San Francisco was organized for the patients on Wards 74A and B by Miss Tyler, Red Cross recreation worker. With S1c Robert J. Duffy in charge, the group crossed the Oakland-Bay Bridge Tuesday afternoon and saw the famous Chinatown and International Settlement. From Coit Tower they viewed "Active Alcatraz Island." Then, in order, came Golden Gate Park, Seal Rocks, Cliff House and Steinhart Aquarium.

A Teen-Agers ward show has been organized by John Schuler, a radio entertainer on the K.P.O. "Light and Mellow" show.

The show featured the fine accordion playing of Louis Jacklich, clever impersonations by Don Rizzo and dancing by Marie Roberts. "Indian Love Call," whistled by John Schuler and accompanied by Jack Tanner on the piano, was a highlight of the show on the wards.

Doll: I want a shorter skirt than the ones you showed me.

Clerk: I'd advise you to try the collar department.

Oak Knoll Bids Goodbye to Creator of Okie and Moiphy

John Penberthy, the creator, and originator of first "Moiphy" or then "Okie" has discarded his bell bottoms in favor of a red plaid zoot suit. The gentleman of inks who has kept Oak Knollers laughing for 2½ years with his weekly comics is returning to the world of full rolled lapels and ruptured ducks in button holes. No more will this hospital experience the joy, the wit, the smiling countenance of "The Pen."

To date, no western beer company has approached Penberthy with requests for exclusive rights to the glow of Moiphy's nasal extremity. Author John Steinbeck is not flooding Penberthy's drawing easel with contracts to star Okie in his next novel. Only here at Oak Knoll does one fully appreciate the professional talents of the father and mother of *Oak Leaf's* two characters. Soon, however, the civilian world will have the privilege of viewing the artistry and imagination of Penberthy. "Moiphy will replace Popeye and win the fair hand of Olive Oyl," joked "The Pen" as he wistfully fed his newly acquired golden duck.

Those who knew freckle-faced Johnny, not as the fellow who tickled funny bones through his *Oak Leaf* proteges, but Johnny the person, will long remember him as a keen wit and a good natured guy who was unaffected by any success he achieved. Last year, when hearing of the shortage of bottled blood, Johnny exerted all his talents and influence to get healthy buddies down to the blood bank. The result of his efforts was Oak Knoll's famous Purple Heart Queen Contest.

It all started 22 years ago when Mr. J. Penberthy, Sr., paced the hospital floor one hot July morning in Brooklyn—he was about to become a proud papa.

Johnny was born with a silver Eversharp repeater drawing crayon in his mouth.

At the age of five, little John was drawing flowers in kindergarten at St. Clement's Parochial School. At the age of sixteen, big John was sketching Esquire girls at John Adams High School.

He drew caricatures of his math teacher, he drew caricatures of his history teacher; in fact, very few of his school masters escaped the acid pencil of Penberthy. The epitome of Johnny's school day etchings was reached when he attempted to write an English composition using hieroglyphics. Time passed and Johnny graduated from high school to enter the life of economics and vocations with definite ambitions in the cartoon world.

In July 1943 he acknowledged the beckoning of Uncle Sam and eventually put into practice what he had yearned to do for so long. Through the medium of the *Oak Leaf* Johnny experimented, improved and became a recognized accomplished cartoonist. Rarely are issues of official Navy publica-



tions such as *Our Navy*, *All Hands*, or the *Hospital Corps Quarterly*, without an Okie or Moiphy reprint.

Pen's life in the Navy is an open book, or rather a weekly serial in the *Oak Leaf*. The incidents and people that impressed John left their mark on Okie and Moiphy. When Pen suffered the company of the Shore Patrol Moiphy likewise felt the arm of the law. Recently he was overcome by the temptations of the race track, and interpreted his experience through his mop-haired prodigy, Okie.

With all these Navy adventures behind him, Johnny left Oak Knoll for civilian life and additional schooling in his ingenious trade. His ultimate goal is to have a comic strip of his own or better yet, to be a cartoonist with the *New Yorker*.

Johnny and his two anemic buddies leave behind them a host of grateful people. Whether or not he hits the top in the cartoon world nobody can tell, but his many friends seem to feel that they haven't seen the last of his glib pen or sharp humor.

Watch for Penberthy's signature on cartoons in coming years—it won't be long.

He'll Climb The Rigging Like Daddy Has To Do

(SEA) — It's back to the briny deep for the Sea Scouts of America. Navy boats under 100 feet in length that have been surveyed and recommended for disposal are once again available without cost for the Scouts' training program under ALStaCon 031425 April.

Operating costs make boats of 50-foot overall length most popular with the Sea Scouts, though they can use all types of craft, including motor launches, picket boat dinghies, sailing vessels and rescue boats.

"Moiphy" — The Biography of a Hospital Apprentice



The main gate was a scene for many of Moiphy's dilemmas, especially when the Marines were in charge.



Chow carts and weekly inspections always seemed to interfere with Moiphy's attempts at good behavior.



He was often frustrated in his attempts to receive mail or in trying to put one over on the MAA's.

Top Name Bands Entertain



Eddie Fitzpatrick

Eddie Fitzpatrick To Play at Hospital

You don't have to go to San Francisco to the St. Francis Hotel to hear the best in sophisticated dance music. Eddie Fitzpatrick is bringing the Mural Room atmosphere with his orchestra to Oak Knoll's outdoor amphitheater on Wednesday, May 15th.

Maestro Fitzpatrick, who was recently discharged from the Army, reassembled his pre-war band and thinks it now is better than ever. Always a favorite with the young people in the Bay area who like dancing, Eddie and his band have become one of the more important fixtures at the swank St. Francis.

"There is a decided trend towards the softer and more suave in dance music," says Eddie, "and I've noticed, strangely enough, that it is forced by the younger generation. Of course, we keep it modern and lively, but definitely not blatant."

Those Oak Knoll personnel who have visited the Mural Room during their night-clubbing have liked Eddie's charm and captivating music so much that he is brought here by special request, and will play for a stage show in the amphitheater at 1400 next Wednesday.

"Do short skirts make women look shorter?"

"No, they make men look longer."

Comedy Provided By Colored Show

A capacity audience was treated to some of the best in colored entertainment when the "Suntan Revue" came to the Auditorium last Tuesday evening.

Heading the cast was vivacious Johnny Gardner, who not only emceed the musical carnival, but danced and sang as well. The first feature was talented taps by young Vern Smith, followed by versatile alternation on banjo, piano, traps and ukelele by the team of Vance and Romie.

Next, Strawberry Russell, the deadpan comic, and Julia, his mountainous partner, stopped the show temporarily with a guitar, some songs and a rapidfire succession of jokes we hadn't heard before.

An old-timer, Eubie Blake, went back into jazz history with some old-style boogie and rendered "The Stars and Stripes Forever" in the mode of Fats Waller, a friend and contemporary of Eubie's.

The star chanteuse presented was Audrey Thomas, who warmed up gradually and finished magnificently, singing "Embraceable You" to a hushed audience.

The show was notable for its warm sincerity and informal fun.

Coming Attractions

Spencer Tracy
in the Picture of the Year!
with **SIGNE HASSO**
"The SEVENTH CROSS"
Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer PICTURES

Saturday, 11 May

ALEXANDRE DUMAS'
"The Wife of MONTE CRISTO"
starring **JOHN LODER**
LENORE AUBERT
PAC

Sunday, 12 May

MUSICAL CAVALCADE!
The song, laugh and glamour cavalcade of Broadway show-folks!
SHOW BUSINESS
Starring **EDDIE CANTOR** • **GEORGE MURPHY**
JOAN DAVIS • **NANCY KELLY**
with **CONSTANCE MOORE** and **DON DOUGLAS**
Directed by Edwin L. Marin. Produced by Eddie Cantor.
Screen Play by Joseph Quillan and Dorothy Bennett.
Story by Bert Granet.

Monday 13 May

LUCILLE BALL
CLIFTON WEBB
WILLIAM BENDIX
MARK STEVENS
in **"THE DARK CORNER"**
20th CENTURY-FOX

Tuesday, 14 May

THE YEAR'S MERRIEST MUSICAL ROMANCE!
COLUMBIA PICTURES
TALK ABOUT A LADY
JINX FALKENBURG
FORREST TUCKER
JOE BESSER
STAN KENTON AND HIS ORCHESTRA
Screenplay by Richard Weil and Ted Thayer
Produced by MICHEL KRAIKE • Directed by GEORGE SEIDMAN

ALSO
Eddie Fitzpatrick
Stage Show at 1400
Amphitheater
Wednesday, 15 May

SIDNEY TOLER
"CHARLIE CHAN"
Dark Alibi
A MONOGRAM PICTURE

Thursday, 16 May

A Lifetime of Romance in One Night of LOVE
WALTER WANGER presents
Night in Paradise
IN TECHNICOLOR
starring **MERLE OBERON** • **TURHAN BEY**
with THOMAS DOMEZ • GALE SONDERGARD • MAY COLLIER
ERNEST TRUER • GEORGE DOLEZ • LERNAE SIMON

A UNIVERSAL PICTURE
Friday, 17 May

M-G-M's GAY HIT!
MARGARET O'BRIEN
CHARLES LAUGHTON • **ROBERT YOUNG**
"The Canterville GHOST"
plus **WILLIAM GARGAN**
REGINALD OWEN
"RAGS" RAGLAND
UNA O'CONNOR
Directed by JULES DASSIN • Produced by ARTHUR L. FRIED

Saturday, 18 May

The Sporting Scene



For those who appreciate the finer points of a tennis match Oak Knoll offers five asphalt tennis courts. Rackets and balls may be checked out from the Field House. Above, Bob Anderson, organizer of Oak Knoll's tennis tourney, defends his own position as one of the top trophy contenders.

Bowling Tourney Approaches Deadlock

With but one week to go until the elimination of the losing teams, the bowling tournament is rapidly coming to a tie.

Welfare and Recreation teams Nos. 1 and 2, and Staff Doctor's team No. 3 are tied for first place with 11 wins and seven losses. In second place are Staff Docs No. 1 and X-ray with nine wins and nine losses. In last place are Snafu, Dental and Staff Doctor's No. 2 with seven wins against 11 losses.

There were three last week who turned in scores above the 200

mark — Dental's Graham with a 220, and Staff Doctor No. 1's Loefler and Youngstrom with a 217 and a 205 respectively.

This Monday's matches will determine which three teams will bowl it out for the first three places. The winners, because of the present close race, may be any of the five teams now tied for first and second place.

Pinsetters are in demand for these tournaments. Anyone interested should contact J. Bohm at the bowling alley.

Billiard Expert To Put on Show

The pool hall, back of the Ship's Service building, will see a master at work when Erwin Rudolph presents an exhibition of his dexterity at billiards next Wednesday. Mr. Rudolph, with Willie Hoppe, Welker Cochran, Willie Mosconi, and Charlie Peterson, is a member of the rules committee of the Billiard Association of America, and has a reputation for being one of the most outstanding players of the time.

The exhibition will be held at 1400 on May 15th and will be open to all hands interested. It will consist of instruction in billiards and a display of fancy trick shots, including demonstration of difficult shots requested by the audience. If the audience is too large, Mr. Rudolph will present an additional performance to accommodate the excess.

Local Racket Men Play at Alameda

This weekend, the Oak Knoll tennis team is playing in the 12th Naval District Tennis Tournament at the Alameda courts.

Representing the hospital are Lt. Comdr. Thorn, PhM2c W. K. Murphy, HA1c D. K. Hartman, HA1c R. Anderson in the singles, and Lieuts. Jewett, Budge and Broadhead, with Dr. Thorn, again, in the doubles. Various teams from the district are competing for the Third Annual Commandant's Trophy.

On the local courts, Bob Anderson reports that the tennis tournament is slowly progressing because of the difficulty in arranging the matches. Nevertheless, certain players have been distinguishing themselves as the favorites; namely, Miss Rees and Miss Tappen in the women's singles and Dr. Thorn in the men's.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce of Evansville, Ind., is interested to know the patients at this hospital who are from Vanderburgh County. Anyone residing in this district please call the "Oak Leaf," Ext. 150.

HC Officers Win Over San Leandro

An all out, hard-hitting, expert-fielding baseball exhibition was shown on the San Leandro Naval Hospital diamond on Thursday, May 2nd, when the Hospital Corps Officers of Oak Knoll conquered the San Leandro representatives.

Under the capable battery of Messrs. Hine and Roberts, the hill-folk were held down to nine runs as compared to the fourteen tallies of the Knollers.

The game began with four coming in for the Knoll in the first inning. The second saw Oak Knoll still in the lead, but with a score of 5 to 4, our other run due to a driving homer by Transportation's pride, Pharmacist Holland. The other home run of the game was hit by Pharmacist Terry. The hitting average however was led by Pharmacist Hine with four for five, including a pair of doubles and a pair of singles.

The batting order was first baseman Canavan leading off, hot cornerman Close second, shortstop Noble, and pitcher Hine cleaning up, followed by catcher Roberts, second baseman Lohrman, and left, center and right fielders, Terry, King, and Holland.

Free Athletic Gear Surprises Compound

Humanity, down through the sagas of histories, every race, creed and color, has beaten a pathway to the door of a free handout. Oak Knoll has followed suit.

Those kind gentlemen stationed down by the athletic house have been giving away assortments of athletic clothing. All patients and staff inhabitants of the hospital who footed it down to the athletic field received gratis—shorts, polo shirt, sweat work-out suit and an elastic abdominal protector. The gear was surplus sent from Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

With the present civilian clothing shortage confronting the returning service man, this welcomed clothing issue will probably be put to good use. The newest fad in civilian dress Sunday suit is sure to be a spotless grey sweat suit.





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Commanding Officer Awarded Commendation For Efficiency



For his excellent administration of Oak Knoll Captain A. H. Dearing, Medical Officer in Command recently received the Navy Commendation from Secretary James Forrestal. Above, Captain Harvey E. Robins, Executive Officer, is shown awarding the citation during special ceremonies held on the first anniversary of V-E Day.

For more than two years Capt. Arthur H. Dearing (MC) USN, has been pinning medals on the chests of heroes stationed or hospitalized under his command at Oak Knoll. At ceremonies held May 8 the usual order was reversed when Captain Dearing received a commendation and ribbon from Capt. Harvey E. Robins (MC) USN, Executive Officer.

The citation, authorized by Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal, was given in recognition of Captain Dearing's outstanding service as medical officer in command at Oak Knoll from January, 1944, until cessation of hostilities.

At Oak Knoll, second largest Naval Hospital on the West Coast, with a patient capacity of 6,000, Captain Dearing has won the respect and admiration of the thou-

sands of patients and staff members with whom he has been associated. This feeling is reflected in Secretary Forrestal's letter, which refers to the New England-reared officer's "outstanding professional skill, rare administrative ability, tireless energy and his invaluable assistance in providing adequate medical care and treatment for Naval personnel, including wounded veterans of Pacific battles and returned prisoners of war."

Before reporting to his assignment at Oak Knoll, the distinguished Navy doctor had completed a two-year tour of duty in the South Pacific. For that service he received a letter of commendation from the Commander in Chief, Pacific fleet, and the Legion of Merit from the Commander, South Pacific fleet.

A Serious Situation

Perhaps it is not generally known on this compound, but the Oak Knoll Blood Bank is the blood distribution center also for San Leandro Hospital, Shoemaker, Treasure Island and a greater part of the Twelfth Naval District. As such the Blood Bank is held under terrific responsibility, a responsibility which, believe it or not, is coming close to being betrayed.

Need Ignored Here

In the month of April there were one hundred sixty-five transfusions given from the supply, and one hundred ninety-one donations. Of the donations the pathetic sum of ten came from the staff and patients of this hospital. For the other ninety six per cent of the donations a Blood Bank truck, apparatus and a detail of men had to be sent to San Francisco.

As can be seen at a glance, the difference between 191 donations and 165 administrations is a scant 26 pints—and most of that is lost through experimentation, waste and undesirability, leaving the Blood Bank on the first of May with no surplus accumulated since the first of April. Should an emergency arise, anywhere in the Naval District, the Blood Bank might be put in a tight spot, and lives might be at stake.

No Trouble Donating

If you are a corpsman, a nurse, a doctor, a Wave or a civilian worker at the hospital you can visit the Blood Bank any morning, and your pint of blood will be more than welcomed. If you are a patient, all that is necessary is your doctor's O. K. that you may donate. This all-important mission will take less than twenty minutes of your time and will cause you no great discomfort.

It takes two pints of blood to draw off one pint of plasma, which can be stored and kept for future use; however the dire need is for whole blood, of life-and-death importance in most accidents or operations entailing loss of the patient's blood. If you feel like doing something about a crying need, don't put it off with an "I'll get around to it." Call up the Blood Bank today and make a date with some one else's destiny.

Wave Director Visits Hospital

The Wave detachment had the distinction last Thursday, 16 May, of a visit from Commander Doris Westcott, District Director, Women's Reserves. Comdr. Westcott arrived in the morning and had lunch with the Waves in Commissary Two. In the afternoon, accompanied by Lt. Louise Dowlen, she visited as many departments as possible, to better understand the job the Waves are doing here.

Commander Westcott left the compound Thursday evening, following dinner at the Officers' Club. She recently had the honor of being awarded a Letter of Commendation from the Secretary of the Navy.

Terminal Leave — A Possibility

There is a possibility of monetary dividends for some 10,000,000 enlisted men, both in the service now and those who have been honorably discharged. The House of Representatives' Military Affairs Committee recommended a bill which would give enlisted personnel the same terminal pay benefits now accorded officers.

The legislation is presently before Congress, and if passed will offer the enlisted man, at the time of discharge, back pay for any leave time which had not been honored. Terminal leave would be computed at the rate of 2½ days for each month of service up to a maximum of 120 days.

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• The Miserable Ten Per Cent

Not counting perhaps Norfolk and San Diego, there is a larger number of Naval personnel in the San Francisco Bay area than anywhere else in the United States. The difference between a uniform and civilian clothes among groups of strangers cannot be overlooked. Among people on the streets, in bars and places of amusement, certain disgruntled and offended civilians look upon sailors as a unified group who take advantage of their uniform to bully people and to be rowdy and drunken. Sailors, on the other hand, get a chip on their shoulders when an offensive civilian comes around the corner. They are able to rationalize that he is a money-grubbing draft-dodger, a cheapskate or wiseguy. They may be right, but because he is not in uniform or not conspicuously wearing a discharge button is no reason to discriminate against him.

Nor is a Navy uniform reason to believe that the man in it is prone to crudity and offensiveness. You may hear from time to time from citizens that "Navy men around here get away with murder," and from sailors that the natives are "prejudiced against the Navy." These are unfortunate opinions, but fortunately, as in most cases of prejudice, they are founded on a too conspicuous minority of cases.

The most glaring example is that of hitch-hiking. Most civilians will give a sailor a lift. Then there are those who would do so under no condition. This is due to the fact that a few irresponsible and damaging sailors have beaten up and stolen the cars of friendly motorists, giving a bad name to any one wearing the same uniform. So that when a car passes, obviously ignoring a stranded sailor, he is liable to say bitterly that no one appreciates servicemen any more.

So, sailor, that gives you a black eye. Civilians are pretty good people, ex-service or not. It's up to you to see that no more bad feeling is created. When you see a buddy making a pest of himself in a bar, on the trolley or walking down the street, tell him what he's doing—don't side with him. You may feel it's your duty to take his side of an argument, but it's not often smart, especially when he's in the wrong. The best thing is to break it up and smooth things over. Everyone will respect you for treating it intelligently.

Remember always that it is a miserable ten per cent or less who make things hard for a good name in any organization, and especially in the service. So when you keep some one a little under the weather from being obnoxious, the other ninety per cent are ready to back you up—or should be. Usually some one is needed to set the good example.

This wasn't intended as a sermon. Just keep it in mind that you are the one who will suffer, through unfriendliness and non-cooperation, for what the next man, in the same uniform, says or does.

• Disgrace at the Blood Bank

Every month at this hospital about one hundred sixty-five blood transfusions are given—more often than not—for a case of life or death. We will give the reader a guess as to how many donations were made on the compound. Well, last month there were ten. Ten donations from a hospital complement of two thousand six hundred!

That means that only one person out of every two hundred and sixty had the initiative or spunk or unselfishness to make the trip (by bus if you don't feel like walking) to the Blood Bank and to spend twenty minutes of his precious time (the swimming pool nearby is crowded) to donate one bottle of his

Commandant's Inspection



On Thursday, 9 May, Oak Knoll was officially inspected by Rear Admiral D. B. Beary, Commandant of the 12th Naval District. Shown above, the inspection party is en route to the wards.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"Friendliness"

"The only way to have friends is to be one."—Emerson.

To have friends and to be a friend to others—is there anything more befitting a Christian? And why? Because Christ made holy Charity the bond of His law. As we see from the Gospel, He Himself was the advocate of friendship in the best sense, and trained His Apostles and disciples to be friends, not only one to another, but to all men with whom they should come in contact.

It makes a great difference to know that your neighbor is not just a neighbor, but your friend; that your landlord or grocer is not just a business man anxious for gain, but a friend who is anxious for your own welfare and gain; that your chaplain or pastor is not just an appointed director of your spiritual duties, but a real friend, after the pattern of his Master, zealous to help you in all difficulties, to comfort you in trouble, to do what he can to aid you in surmounting any hindrance at all that may obstruct your path in life.

And just so does it make a difference to others, to know that you are not just another neighbor to them, but a real friend, interested in their well-being, and ready to show this interest at any time or under any circumstances. This is friendship—Christian friendship—that warm and loving connection between persons and persons.

Envious people especially find it hard to make friends, and they are therefore generally complaining that nobody likes them. If they would only stop and consider what a mean thing envy really is, they might turn the tables.

FATHER NICHOLAS F. GRUBER

blood to a fellow serviceman who may be near death following an automobile accident or operation.

We can promise you it won't hurt any more than a hypodermic. You won't feel sick, probably only a little faint. And if you could realize how valuable the donation is, this article would never be necessary. The Blood Bank tried to get it across to the Oak Leaf how sad the situation is, and so we are trying to get it across to you. The shortage is serious, and we're not mincing words or space, as you will notice from the first page. All we ask is that you go down there once. You won't regret it—and they will welcome you with open arms.

Oak Knoll Provides Treasured Memories Writes Miss Keller

Helen Keller, the famous blind and deaf humanitarian who visited the hospital a few weeks ago, expressed appreciation of her visit in a letter recently received by Captain Dearing. The letter, full of philanthropic philosophy, was typical of Helen Keller herself.

Impressed with her tour of the hospital, Miss Keller wrote, "A visit which I shall always cherish as a treasured memory. . . . It was one of the experiences that move me most deeply with their revelations of warmheartedness and the nobility of human nature."

The affection radiating from the faces and hands of the patients with whom I talked, the unremitting energy of the highly skilled medical staff, the dearness of the personnel carrying on after years of war tension—all these imparted to me a new sense of the steady purpose and the valor with which the voyagers of rehabilitation steer onward despite storms and calms alike."

Plastic surgery impressed Miss Keller deeply, but she was more profoundly struck by the ability of the patients to withstand months of waiting in pain.

"While I am enthusiastic over the miracles of plastic surgery, I was filled with a tender admiration as I stood by the men who endure the tedium of lying still long days or months until their bodies are rectified."

"But I am sure, from my own experiences, that they will take the future confidently in their hands and shape it to their newly acquired abilities and their human dignity."

Miss Keller was thankful to Lt. Gayron for his aid in her visit and sent her cordial esteem to the staff and patients of the hospital.

The letter was signed by herself in a well-spaced, dignified hand.

Waves Re-Enlistment Deadline Draws Near

All enlisted Waves who wish to sign over until July of 1947 must submit their requests as soon as possible, for, according to a dispatch from BuPers, June 1st is the deadline date.

Hospitals are still in need of a large staff of female personnel. Those interested in "shipping over" may apply at the Staff Personnel Office.

So far five Oak Knoll Waves have responded to the call. They are: Margaret A. Barnard, PhM3/c; Loren J. Bugely, PhM3/c; Jsroslava Dvorak, PhM1/c; Lois A. Marschner, PhM2/c; and Agnes B. Zehorchak, PhM3/c.

WOMEN IN WHITE

By Lt. Comdr. Mildred M. Morrison (NC) USN

Lt. Catherine Corvari has returned after two months of temporary duty aboard the USS General H. W. Butner. She reports a most interesting trip transporting dependants to China and Japan and bringing back Marines. They stopped at Tokyo, Yokohama, and Yokosuka in Japan, and Tientsin and Shanghai, China.

Horseback riding seems to be a favorite sport among the nurses. If you are interested in taking lessons we would advise that you contact Lt. (jg) Katherine O'Donnell or Lt. (jg) Norma Perry who highly recommend their teacher, Mrs. Minuth of San Leandro. Mrs. Minuth owns her own horse and has ridden since she was three years old.

Our apologies are extended to the gardener who supplies the nurses' quarters with fresh flowers every day. Not long ago we mentioned in this column that Ens. Steinert was responsible for the beautiful floral arrangements about the quarters but forgot to say that there could be no such things without someone first supplying the beautiful flowers. Our thanks go to both of you.

Detached: Lt. Ann Cullenward; Ensigns Catherine Tretton, Audrey Goss, Yvonne Toste, Dorothy Turner, Rose Kosling, and Phyllis Bahr; Lts. (jg) Betty Randolph, Betty Buettner, Dorothy Taylor, Sarah Cooper, Frances Schaser, Jane Yastrabek, Carolyn Calef, Mary Pinkerton, Dorothy Werner, Mabel Grenat, Faith Salden, Rita Schmitt, Muriel Rose, Ruth Traver, Mary Cichon, Loretta McCarty, Eleanor Sharpe, and Alva Pelkington.

More nurses who have recently married are Ensigns Yvonne Cascaucau and Dorothy Sabin. Among those detached are three who are to be married in the near future: Lts. (jg) Mabel Grenat, Dorothy Taylor, and Mary Pinkerton.

NAVY'S DISCHARGE FIGURES

Since August 17, 1945, the Navy has discharged 2,191,794 men and sent them home to civilian life. Navy enlistments and reenlistments have totaled 203,539 since the surrender of Japan, making the current total strength of the regular Navy 497,581. Of this total, 40,045 are officers.

Recently some athletic uniforms, such as sweat suits and shorts, was issued to all sport enthusiasts. All gear was signed for and may be recalled at any time.

A sailor's toast: Here's to the pictures in my wallet. May they never meet.

For Exclusive Listening Pleasure Hospital's Own Radio Station — PAL



From their special studio located in a quiet room on ward 44B, Sp(A)1c Hal Votaw and HA1c Bill Mack begin one of their twice daily radio broadcasts over station P.A.L.

"Good afternoon happy residents of 44B. This is your own radio station P. A. L. coming to you from the Hal Votaw quiet room. We bring a little music sprinkled with chatter about those we love, all for your bedside pleasure. But first, dear bedfellows, have you tried Miss Weathington's soothing, scrumptious and scintillating back massage? Ah, such a backrub. Once you've tried Miss Weathington's you'll be satisfied with none other."

A chorus of twenty convalescents combine their seasoned voices in a thrilling rendition of "Hands Across the Scapula." The announcer concludes with the trademarked slogan, "Make Mine Weathington's" and Oak Knoll's only home-owned radio station, P.A.L., is off on another of its unique and vastly entertaining programs.

The idea originated with HA1c Bill Mack who has been tinkering with radios since his civilian days. Bill thought the patients on his ward would get a laugh from a personal broadcast heard over their radios about the people they know, and the humorous occurrences of every day ward life. He secured a

phonograph, three oscillating tubes, a rectifier and a microphone, outlined a script with the aid of Sp(A)1c Hal Votaw, put a "Silence—On The Air" sign on the quiet room door, and the first experimental bedside broadcast was racing through the ethers to the ward radios.

The atmosphere in the quiet room resembled the tribulations of Alexander Graham Bell and his first telephone message. The newly formed radio corporation inaugurated station P.A.L. with a record which they interrupted with a comic announcement that Russia had declared war on the United States. The radios repeated the message and excitement and near chaos quickly followed. A Marine rushed to the telephone to inform his wife while bed patients readied imaginary firearms. The nurse was in a dither and Hal and Macks first radio premier was a success.

Most mornings at ten o'clock and afternoons at three o'clock all dials are turned to station P.A.L. to hear the latest scuttlebutt or little humorous tidbits contributed by ambitious listeners. One of the most popular performances was an ad lib on a fictitious baseball game.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—E. C. Andrews, J. A. Talley, W. F. Summers, J. L. Zerwas.

Sunday—

Morning Service1000
Communion Service1100
Evening Vespers1930

Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
Choir—Tuesday & Thursday, 1400-1500.

Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Christian Science:

Wartime minister will be at the reception office in the Chapel every Tuesday at 1400 to 1600.

L. D. S. (Mormon):

Services 1930 Thursday.

Catholic:

Chaplains—Nicholas F. Gruber, J. P. Griffin.

Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130.
Weekday Mass—0800 and 1630.
Confessions before all Masses.
Novena and Benediction, 1630 Tuesday.
Catholic Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Jewish:

Divine Service—2000 Friday, conducted by Mr. Bernard Miran.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1900 to 2000 on Fridays.

Ex-Waves Find Their Jobs Here Are Worth Staying For



These four young ladies decided that Oak Knoll wasn't such a bad place after all and recently returned to their jobs here, but this time as civilians. Left to right: Doris Ott, Kay Pollen, (bottom) Lois Thein and Dorothy Thompson.

Some months ago, four young ladies, after extensive service as staff members at Oak Knoll, shed their navy blue suit and Peter Pan ties for the frills and thrills of civilian life. With mustering out pay in one hand, and a kleenex in the other to catch the dropping tears, they bid fond good-byes to their friends and the things that had represented home all those months. But memories of Oak Knoll remained with these four lovely young ladies, and as the unforeseen pitfalls of civilian life increased, the pleasantries of our hospital became more potent in their minds. Dorothy Thompson, Doris Ott, Kay Pollen and Lois Thein came back to their friends and Navy details as civilians, still working for the Government under the heading of civil service employees.

One by one they stood on the sentry's little island at the main gate and re-enacted General MacArthur's words, "I have returned." Miss Pollen left the hospital long enough to change into the civilian uniform of the day and hurried back to her job in disbursing transportation. Lois Thein journeyed home to Wisconsin, stayed for two whole days, only to shuttle back to the 12th Naval District and Oak Knoll. Doris Ott commuted be-

tween Los Angeles and the Bay Area and eventually settled down, once again, to Navy payrolls. Last of the four faithful to return to the fold was Miss Thompson. A newspaper and former associate editor of the *Oak Leaf*, Dorothy now holds forth in the finest of civilian coiffures as a member of the Public Relation Office.

An interview with this quartette of ex-Waves and now talented ruptured duck polishers records that they wouldn't have traded Naval experiences for gold bullion, but are fairly contented with civilian life, its points and counter points. They held no grief for G. I. Nylons but will never forget the congenial "hub-bub" of barracks life.

"Boot camp was rough, but have you tried to find a place to hang your bonnet or a mirror to call your own as long as the rent is secure?" These pathetic words come from the lips of homeless Doris Ott as she thumbed through the Want Ad section of the *Oak Leaf*.

A further consensus of opinions and impressions revealed that civilian life is swell, but let anybody verbally knock the Navy, and a bombardment of tales about wholesome companionship, informal parties and 4.0 liberties will befall that calloused somebody.

Skill Compensates for Short Service of Lt. (jg) Ahnlund

Because of blushing youth and his short career as a Navy surgeon, Dr. Nels W. Ahnlund is only a lieutenant (junior grade). Nevertheless, he holds an important position and is one of the most admired and skilled surgeons on the compound. Dr. Ahnlund is one of two consultants for orthopedics, and operates in Surgery 1 as an orthopedic surgeon.

The Doctor's Work

Dr. Ahnlund's day ranges from X-ray plates and ward consultations to ultra-skilled manipulation of myriad steel instruments in people's joints and bones to make them fit and be comfortable. The *Oak Leaf* was invited to witness a typical Ahnlund operation in Surgery 1, a right femoral sequestrectomy on Marine lieutenant Oscar C. Holmes from Ward 40-A, one morning last week. The long surgical name, in case you're out of touch, means that the lieutenant had particles of foreign matter, in this case shrapnel and shattered bone, in his leg which were causing infection and which had to be removed. When we arrived and slipped into our blue frock, cap and mask, the anaesthetist had already begun the pentothal and nitrous oxide, and the patient was off somewhere in the clouds.

Once the scrubbing and arrangement of sterile drapes was completed, Dr. Ahnlund cut through the surgical stocking covering the leg under consideration, exposing the small area to be worked on, and made the initial incision. For the next forty or fifty minutes he cut, prodded, snipped and chiseled, with amazing dexterity and the utmost concentration, inside the lieutenant's thigh. All the response from the patient was a blissful sigh. During the operation the doctor joked with his assisting corpsmen to relieve tension, occasionally had the perspiration wiped from his brow, looked over some X-rays to help direct his probing, and explained to us some of the finer points. At the end of the operation several unwanted pieces of bone, cartilage and shrapnel, which had been causing considerable discomfort were lying on the instrument table. The incision was rinsed with saline solution and bandaged, and the patient was taken, gently but swiftly, back to his ward, where he came out of the anaesthetic within an hour.

Variety in His Career

Young Ahnlund, growing up in nearby San Jose, always had the yen to be a surgeon. He entered the University of Southern California for pre-med training and went back to Minnesota, where he was born, to receive his M. D. from the University of Minnesota Medical School in 1939. He interned for a year in Santa Clara County, California, and remained for another year as resident orthopedist. In 1941, believe it or not, he joined the Army Medical Corps, serving



Dr. Nels Ahnlund

for a year as a first lieutenant. He was discharged medically and returned to civilian practice.

Dr. Ahnlund entered the Massachusetts General Hospital as resident orthopedist, became a Fellow of Orthopedic Surgery, a distinction which he shares here at Oak Knoll with Dr. Gaenslen, and practiced at the New York Orthopedic Hospital dispensary. Just before entering the Navy, Dr. Ahnlund was Assistant Orthopedist at Columbia University. He was commissioned just fourteen months ago and was in Lion Unit New waiting to ship out last summer when the war ended. The doctor came to this hospital last October and has been working on injured limbs once or twice a day since.

Dr. Ahnlund, who has lived most of his life in San Jose, now has a wife and three children there. Spoken and well-liked by his superiors and assistants, Nels Ahnlund, at thirty one, is very modest about the reputation he has made for himself. When the *Oak Leaf* asked him for an interview he replied, with an embarrassed smile, "But I'm only a j.g."

No Compensation?

A prisoner of war receives no compensation from the Government for mistreatment while a prisoner. To accommodate for this a civilian concern composed of ex-POW's has been set up to sue the Imperial Japanese Government for damages inflicted on these people.

The Judge Advocate General has advised all repatriated prisoners not to enter into any such arrangement such as that proposed by the civilian concern, but to await development of official means for the collection of damages through a joint action of the War, Navy and State Departments.

Oak Knoll Fire Drill Tests Speed of Vital Department



Unscheduled weekly fire drills are held not only to test the speed of our excellent fire department, but also to keep all personnel aware of the serious damage such a disaster may cause. The first indication of an impending drill is the signal from the top of the Administration Building which gives the approximate location of the fire. The fire fighting equipment rushes to the scene as does Captain Robins, seen above hurrying from the Ad. Building. At the site of the imaginary

fire the fire watch, composed of members of various departments, is mustered and all hands are accounted for. After the "blaze" is successfully "extinguished" and the equipment tested, the all clear signal is sounded. At the conclusion of the drill Captain Robins confers with Fire Chief Razer and announces that the trucks were on the scene within a minute and a half and that all members of the fire watch arrived within three minutes.

All Hands Dance Rocks to Solid Music



Benny Carter, his trumpet and his orchestra.

Another Top Show To Be On Stage

A new variety show full of mirth, melody and novelties is on its way to play at Oak Knoll on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 21st and 22nd. The show, called "SMOOTH SAILING," will present a group of tip-top professional entertainers from the stage, screen and radio.

Included in the well-balanced troupe will be Ernie and Dolly Burke, with their cowboy songs and rope-twirling. The Burkes have brought their western style entertainment to many of the most prominent theaters throughout the United States.

The Oak Knoll stage will be full of pulchritude when green-eyed, black-haired, five-foot-two Jane McDonough sings her sophisticated songs intermixed with some faster numbers. Miss McDonough, before taking up singing as a career, modelled for some of the most prominent fashion magazines.

Carl Keller, the swing-inspired pianist who has boogie in his bones, will present an exhibition of his ability to make the piano jump to his red-hot boogie-woogie and jam sessions.

There will also be an exhibition of acrobatic dancing by the three Welles sisters. The girls will open their act with a soft shoe number, then speed up through an astonishing series of acrobatic routines, finishing up with expert tumbling that is tops in pace and accuracy.

A new, different type of entertainment will be provided by Johnny Hyman, whose striking memory feats are impossible to explain away as clever trickery. Hyman's mind works at breakneck speed, doing lightning calculations and amazing things with words which he flashes on a blackboard, as current and local items are suggested to him by the audience.

This show won't be absent of legs, for there will be a dance routine by six glamorous girls straight from Broadway.

The entire show seems to offer one of the best all-round casts yet seen on the Oak Knoll stage.

Circus Comes To Our Town

The circus came to the town of Oak Knoll last Tuesday for a matinee performance at the amphitheater. Minus brassy fanfare and popcorn, but an abundance of entertainment, the Pollack Bros. Circus, under the auspices of Aahmes Temple, Shrine, tickled an appreciative hospital audience with an array of animal prodigies and professional buffoonery.

The Big Top was off on another of its laugh adventures through the land of clowns, talking dogs and educated bears.

In a police uniform that had been dragged through every precinct in the Bay Area, and in a grotesquely painted face came Ric Todd with a comic rendition of your mother's favorite song, "Dark Town Strutters' Ball." The clown bowed out to an unshaven, fur-coated little lady, Laura the bear. She waltzed, she played ball with her master, she rode a bicycle and she balanced a huge paper cylinder with her feet.

The spotlight focused on a red-nosed, baggy-suited hobo and his understanding canines, Barney and Cookie. Barney added numerical figures and barked the answers and Cookie sang in the finest dog soprano. The four-legged entertainers gave way to two shapely pairs of tango-rhythmed legs—the Yacopi Sisters and their South American capers.

"Does anyone dare volunteer to ride this ferocious, fearless mule?" was the prelude to another riotous Pollack Brothers act. The mule chased his challenger, he kicked him, he floored him and concluded his abuses on the opponent by biting him. Oak Knoll cheered and applauded the bucking, bullying beast of burden.

The finale was Pepi and Nita Borza, acrobatics extraordinary, performing unbelievable acts of balancing and tumbling. Pepi is nine years of age, and Nina, the ripe old age of 10.

Coming Attractions

**M-G-M's GREAT
STAR-ROARIOUS COMEDY
WITH THE DARLING
OF "LOST ANGEL"**



Margaret O'BRIEN
Charles LAUGHTON
Robert YOUNG

**The
CANTERVILLE
GHOST**

Saturday, 18 May

Enchantment!



MAUREEN O'HARA
DICK HAYMES • HARRY JAMES
**DO YOU
LOVE ME**
in Technicolor

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Variety Stage Show—1800

Tuesday, 21 May

ANNA NEAGLE • REX HARRISON
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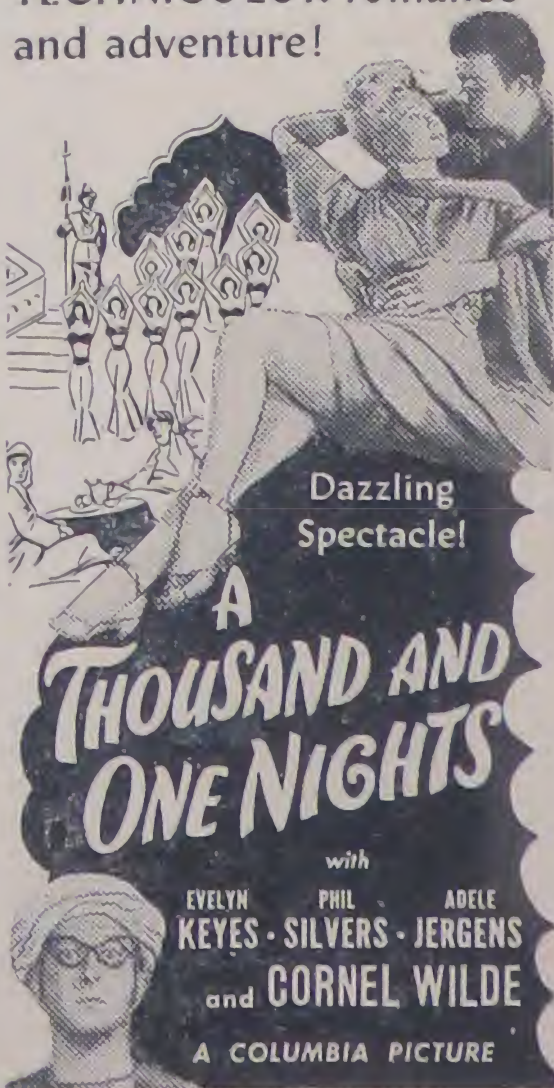
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20th
Century-
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Sunday, 19 May

**MURDER
IN THE
MUSIC
HALL**

TECHNICOLOR romance
and adventure!



Dazzling
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**A
THOUSAND AND
ONE NIGHTS**

with
EVELYN KEYES • PHIL SILVERS • ADELE JERGENS
and CORNEL WILDE

A COLUMBIA PICTURE

Movies—1500 & 1715

Navy Mothers' Dance—2000

Monday, 20 May

Starring
VERA HRUBA RALSTON
WILLIAM MARSHALL

HELEN WALKER • NANCY KELLY • WILLIAM GARGAN
Featuring ANN RUTHERFORD • JULIE BISHOP • JEROME COWAN
Associate Producer NORMAN KRASNA

A REPUBLIC PICTURE

Movies—1500 & 1930

Variety Stage Show—1800

Wednesday, 22 May

MONOGRAM PICTURES
presents

**JOE PALOOKA
CHAMP**



Thursday, 23 May

"OUR HEARTS WERE
GROWING UP"

Gail Russell - Diana Lynn

Friday, 24 May

"IT HAPPENED TOMORROW"

Linda Darnell - Dick Powell

Saturday, 25 May

The Sporting Scene



Pharmacist Holland is shown just before he hit a three bagger in the sixth which brought in two runs for Oak Knoll's Hospital Corps officers. Despite fine hitting like this, San Leandro officers were able to take the game 13-7.

Women's Softball

The Oak Knoll female complement showed their athletic prowess last week when they defeated the Shoemaker Waves. The softball game, played at the Oakland Municipal Field on Thursday, May 9, will go down as one of the highlights of Oak Knoll Waves' history.

Sparked by the 1.000 batting average of Lt. Beth Hack with three singles for three, the Knoll-ettes tallied five times against Shoemaker's three.

It all started in the first inning when Eileen Hayes and Lt. Hack were on first and second by a walk and a single respectively. Fern Horine, the pride of the Dental Clinic, then stepped up to the plate and drove in the two tallies.

The third inning saw slugging Miss Hack again on first base by a clean single. Ev Crowson then knocked one out to move Miss Hack to second and put herself on first. Again Dental's Horine came to the plate to drive in two more runs.

In the sixth and last inning, Chris Kamaras, the girl with the crossed quills, hit a four-baser to earn the fifth run for the Knoll.

Miss Hack allowed the Shoemaker representatives only three while the rest of the team turned in a much better fielding average than in the previous two games.

The batting order was: second baseman Frankie Griffin, center fielder Eileen Hayes, pitcher Hack, shortstop Ev Crowson, catcher Fern Horine, left fielder Chris Kamaras, hot cornerman Mary Croom, first baseman Clark, and Charlie Lange in the right field.

The Oak Knoll Waves are now tied for sixth place out of a field of ten in the 12th Naval District.

Softball

The Hospital Corps officers of San Leandro, backed by a few Chief Pharmacist Mates, came down from their perches on the hill, on May 10th, to vanquish the Oak Knoll representatives by a score of 13-7. The game, nevertheless, proved to be one of the most spirited events seen on the Oak Knoll diamond this year.

Pitcher Snyder of San Leandro was able to hold down the Knollers' batting averages, including men like Hine, Holland and Lohrman. The hitting highlight of the game was Holland's triple in the sixth, driving in two runs. It then seemed that the Knoll was going to get back into the game with a series of tallies, but the streak soon died out.

The game proved to be a retaliation for the one played the previous week, when Oak Knoll defeated San Leandro on their own field by a score of 14 to 9. The series is now tied with one game each.

Bowling

Last Monday saw the conclusion of the elimination matches in the bowling tournament. Staff Doctors' team No. 3 with 14 wins to seven losses, and Welfare and Recreation teams Nos. 1 and 2 with 13 wins to eight losses are left to bowl it out for the first three places.

The teams which were eliminated were X-ray and Snafu, both with 10 wins to 11 losses, Staff Doctors' No. 1 with nine and 12, Dental Clinic with eight and 13 and Staff Doctors' No. 2 with seven and 14.

The only high score of the evening was McClain's 201.

Model Airplanes, Horse Racing and Girls Offered for Ward Entertainment

The largest gas model airplane ever built in the Red Cross Craft Shop will be launched come pay day, when the model enthusiasts purchase the gas engine for their seven-foot wing-span Piper Cub plane from the Ship's Service Hobby Shop. The three patient musketeers of ward 54 are Pfc. Pat Rion of Memphis, Cpl. Harry Parker of New Orleans, and Pfc. Roy McDonald of Sacramento. Rion, who is known as the "brains" of the trio, has a corner of the Craft Shop looking like a miniature Lockheed assembly plant with production of the wing and fuselage sections progressing simultaneously. Concerning the "Esmiralda's" solo flight, Cpl. Parker says, "It had better fly after all these weeks of work!"

Ward 62B went all out as the May Day party unfolded into the great event of Oak Knoll's social season. Planned and prepared by the patients and Miss Munson, Red Cross Recreation Worker, the University of California girls were ushered into a gaily decorated ward. Pretty Lydia Griffin was chosen Queen of May and Thomas Friss was crowned "King of Lobectomy" for the occasion. With William Mahoney as Master of Ceremonies, the Truth and Consequence show came off with a bang as did small parts of the girls' wardrobes as consequences of their errors. Their majesties ruled over the event with majestic composure and doled out punishments like the kings of old. Patients included in the roster were such socialites as Archia Herndon, Ralph Norwood, David Bennet, Thomas Barry, M. J. Cavalerie, H. G. Arnold, and D. H. O'Connell, well-known figures of 62B society.

Bed patients on ward 41A were honored Wednesday with a buffet

supper. Preceding the serving of the regular "chow," fancy hors d'œuvres and iced tomato juice were served by the attractive University of California hostesses. To make the meal more festive, the serving was done from a beautifully decorated and candlelighted table in the middle of the ward.

Not to be outdone by Kentucky's Derby Day, the Oak Knoll valley track was featured on wards 45A, 75A, 55 and 64B during the week with most interesting horseracing results. The three races paid off 10 to 1 to win, 5 to 1 to place. All patients were given \$1000 each (play money of course) for betting on the "nags." Great excitement ran through the crowd as they urged their favorites on to winners. Ward 64B winnings were high.

Hospital Ups Cost of Hair Oil, Gasoline

The latest communique from Oak Knoll's business district—Ship's Service—tells of a rise in the cost of various tonsorial commodities. The barber shop has hiked its prices on shaves, Dixol shampoos and hair tonic.

Commencing June 1, Oak Knoll's money exchange for compound gasoline, although still envied by all civilian motorists, will cost one penny more than the present price of 14 coppers per.

The Navy takes care of its own; another carload of Nylons will be over the Ship's Store counter some time next week. This latest consignment of sheer hose falls exclusively to the legs of Oak Knoll's nurses and Waves. The procedure for purchase will be the same as in the past; that is, by chits obtained from the W. R.'s office.



Cpl. Harry Parker, Pfc. Pat Rion and Pfc. Roy McDonald seriously consider a step in the construction of their gasoline-powered airplane "Esmiralda." This is but one of the many projects undertaken by patients who visit the Red Cross Craft Shop.

★ **Men of Distinction** ★



Mr. Isidor Kanter, genial barracks MAA, shown hibernating under his favorite bucket. Mr. Kanter comments that such seclusion is conducive to working on his latest theories for barracks cleanliness.

**What To Do If
You Lose a Bond**

Replacing Lost Bonds:
Savings Bonds not only offer an extremely convenient and efficient method for systematic savings plus a good return and maximum safety, but also carry the important feature that if lost, stolen, mutilated or destroyed, they may be replaced without loss to the owner.
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Each bond owner is advised to keep a record of bond serial numbers, dates of issue, etc., but if this information has not been recorded it can, in the case of a bond issued for cash, be supplied ordinarily by the agent who originally issued the bond. In the case of allotment bonds, the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Field Branch, Cleveland 15, Ohio, can furnish the information.
In any instance not covered by the above, an inquiry should be directed to the Treasury Dept., Division of Loans and Currency.

Off the Bookshelf

Here's something you should be interested in — and all are to be found now among the new books in the library.
Bad Boy of Music, by Antheil. Autobiography.
How to Draw Animated Cartoons, by Epstein. A new field in commercial art.
A Solo in Tom-Toms, by Fowler. Autobiography.
While You Were Gone, by Goodman. Report on wartime life.
How to Tie Flies, by Gregg. A fisherman's hobby.
Home Mechanic's Handbook. Building and repairing dwellings.
Plantation Parade, by Kane. The old South.
Battle Report: The Atlantic War, by Karig. Naval operations in World War II.
Your Cabin in the Woods, by Meinecke. Cabin plans.
Earth Could be Fair, by Paassen. Chronicle of the Netherlands.
This House Against This House, by Sheean. Personal narrative of this war.
Starling of the White House, by Starling. How the Secret Service guards the presidents.
General Wainwright's Story, by Wainwright. Account of defeat, surrender, and captivity.

Scuttlebutt

An I. D. card for a discharge paper; a campaign bar for a gold-plated duck; a 30 day leave with 90 years' travel time. Bon voyage, mates . . . or rather, "misters" and "misses."
Unfortunately, we know but a few on next week's demobilization roster, and with apologies to the rest we present **Scuttlebutt Sketches** of:
Pearl Norum, who is exchanging a laboratory Bunsen burner for a gas range and an M.A.A. for a husband.
Leaving the maternity ward, in a wake of three-cornered pants and nipples milk bottles, is **Elvia Speer**.
Will Commissary 1 suffer from a case of deplEATING clientele with the loss of **Carl Conklyn**? Will **Conklyn** suffer from his clandestines on E. 14th Street?
From the test tube racks in the Lab. goes **Richard Gibbons**, a man of picturesque patter and crew haircuts. The "**Gibby**" was one of Oak Knoll's characters and his fear of the Bogan's test will be forever concealed by the many chronics that knew him.
And how many of the civilian women employees will become lonesome and restless when they realize the loss of **Leo Giacomint**?
Homer Hautmen will never again drill those pretty little holes in Oak Knoll's injured molars.
And those mean men in the Discharge Office took **Johnny Hoiland** away from Transportation.
Will K-K-K-Katie be waiting at the kitchen door for another of Oak Knoll's favorite sons; "Adorable" **Larry Jones**?
"Lay down your paint brushes, **Ed Mazon**, your draft board says it's all right for you to come home now. **Ed**, the hospital will miss those professional "coming attractions posters in the Ship's Service lobby, and your occasional Oak Leaf decorations."
The freedom forceps closed in on **Tommy Ownbey** and **Willy Rogers** and sutured the ruptured duck right on their surgical gowns. Trip-the-light-fantastic **Rogers** will always cherish that dancing plaque he won at unsterile Sweet's Ballroom.
From the rank and file of good-time madmen go buxom **Bill Zatezalo** and **Harry Mead**. "**Zaz**" was a cameraman extraordinary, an avid party patron and a picker of nostalgic nags.
Will **Al Modert** take an X-ray of the battleship on his discharge paper?
Will **Bernie Cohen** receive the "Order of the Bursting Bedpan" for his gallant ward heroism?
Vincent Zito, a back rubber duly recognized by the "Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Spinal Columns," a man whose mustache was seeded, weeded, fertilized, plowed, and harvested under the roof of Physio Therapy.

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A brown suede glove. \$3.00 reward. Finder please return to Mrs. L. S. Shapley, Ward 69B.
Ronson cigarette lighter. Name E. J. McGuire engraved on front. Return to 28A. Reward.
Found . . .
The Provost Marshal's Office has several pairs of eyeglasses, pocketbooks, rings, keys, money and bracelets. Personnel who have these articles may obtain them at the office upon identification. Articles not claimed will be disposed of.
Wanted . . .
Will pay \$2.00 or more each for 1909-S Indian cents and 1909-S-VDB Lincoln cents. Will also sell or trade other old U. S. coins, silver or gold. See Ch. Pharm. Buccelli at the Provost Marshall's Office.
Exchange . . .
Will exchange apartment or house in Oakland-San Leandro area for apartment in San Francisco. Call LOKhaven 8-2742.
For Sale . . .
Sewing machine, \$25. Vacuum cleaner, \$15. See A. E. Smith, Ward 80B or call TR. 5086.
Offered . . .
Anyone wanting a ride to Buena Vista, by way of Seattle, about the end of May, call CPhM Captain Gordon at KEllog 4-3822.
Did you hear about the little moron who flooded the gym because the coach told him to go as a sub?



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Blood Donors Come Through In New Drive

Response to the campaign for blood donation, sponsored by the Blood Bank through the *Oak Leaf*, has been gratifying. However, we hear some of the Corpsmen and patients who are not willing to give their pint come across, in all seriousness, with such excuses as "I don't have enough blood as it is," or "I'm weak, so they wouldn't want my blood." Captain Evans, Chief of Medicine, tells us that a person's system will replace the pint in about twenty minutes and that the red count will be returned to normal in a week or so.

Some Departments 100%

In the week ending last Wednesday when the *Oak Leaf* went to press, there had been the ever-increasing total of 25 pints given by the hospital complement. Better than that, there is a movement under way in many departments to make their donations 100%. Practicing what it preaches, the *Oak Leaf*, with the Public Information Office and Waves' representatives, trooped down last Friday to offer helpful nine pints. The Red Cross ladies, sparked by Miss Adams, are hoping to make a clean sweep, and the crew in charge of the swimming pool have each reserved an empty bottle. This is the spirit that the Blood Bank is hoping for. During the week from 15 May through 22 May the following group from the compound, service and civilians alike, made the trip to the Blood Bank:

Miss Marie Adams, Red Cross; Mrs. Berenice Black, NNC; W. Bowman, PhM3c; George Cahill, PhM3c; Mervin Dage, HA1c; Lt. Louise Dowlen, (W); P. K. Geddes, PhM3c; Joanne Getchman, civilian; C. W. Haynes, PhM3c; J. J. Hazen, PhM3c, Miss Heath, Red Cross; W. L. Ingram, PhM2c; L. F. Irwin, HA2c; Miss Johnson, Red Cross; E. B. Leisenring, A/c; Anna Lindstrom, PhM3c; W. O. M. Maroney; Dorothy Mosser, PhM2c; J. E. Roden, F2c; Richard Schein, PhM2c; J. T. Smith, PhM3c; Grace Stovall, civilian; Mrs. M. M. Swanson; Dorothy Thompson, civilian; Miss Tyler, Red Cross.

For Dancers - - Listeners, It's Al Donahue



Al Donahue

Presenting Low Down Rhythm in a Top Hat

Oak Knoll is in line for another "first" in top name bands when Al Donahue brings his "Low Down Rhythm in a Top Hat" to the hospital for a dance and stage show Monday. Mr. Donahue, nationally known for his trend-setting dance music, will play sweet and hot for a stage show at 1500 in the amphitheater and at 2000 will occupy the auditorium bandstand for another of the ever-popular All Hands' Dances.

Rated as one of the ten favorite bands in the country, Donahue features violins, brasses, reeds and a rhythm section to provide music in the modern mood. Frantic jitterbugs as well as dreamy waltzers will have equal opportunity to dance to their favorites.

Chosen as one of the ten best dressed men of the year, Al Donahue will front his solid group while they display their well-polished musical talents which have been acclaimed at the Rainbow Room, the Trianon Ballroom, Hotel New Yorker, Waldorf Astoria and the Palladium. A favorite at college proms the band has played for more hops than perhaps any other well-known orchestra.

Donahue had one of his most successful engagements in Bermuda. It was there that he heard British bands close their dances with "God Save the King." Al originated the now universal custom of playing the National Anthem at the conclusion of every dance.

Famous for introducing many "firsts" among popular tunes, Donahue has discovered such favorites as "Deep Purple," "Music Maestro, Please," "Why Don't We Do This More Often?" "Taboo" and "The Shrine of St. Cecilia."

Leading his violin section, Al Donahue brings out mellifluous melodies for ultramundane dancers that would shame the efforts of Guy Lombardo, while in the next set of numbers the hepcats are not left out in the cold. For danceable music we recommend none more highly than Al Donahue and his band.

Chaplain Corps Praised by CNO

(SEA) — The Chaplain Corps suffered the highest percentage of casualties of any corps at Pearl Harbor, in the Philippines, and during the naval actions around Java, according to Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, USN, CNO.

"By his patient, sympathetic labors with the men, day in, day out, and through many a night, every chaplain I know contributed immeasurably to the moral courage of our fighting men," Admiral Nimitz said.

Although clergymen were draft-exempt, more than 1,300 had offered their services to the Navy chaplaincy by 1 August 1943, and by the middle of August 1945, there was one chaplain to approximately every 1,250 men.

No Change in EM's Uniform Predicted

While small numbers of blue-jackets all over the nation were wearing the proposed new enlisted men's uniforms as part of a nationwide test, growing opposition to the change was reported by "Our Navy" magazine, a non-official magazine published for Naval personnel. The magazine reported, in the May issue, that 75.6 per cent of the total 4,135 ballots cast are completely opposed to the change. Only 2.3 per cent gave full approval of the entire new uniform.

The Navy Department has not indicated whether they will be influenced by this unofficial opposition, but Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal has been quoted as stating he did not think the change would be made.

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• The Swindlers Are Coming

The "confidence" man of today is a serious cause for worry since many people are entering the post-war world with more spendable savings than they had ever previously owned. A majority of these people are eagerly awaiting the day when they can invest this money to make the dreams for which they have been saving a reality.

A situation similar, though on a much smaller scale, was prevalent after the last war, and it brought on a tremendous wave of swindling across the country. It has been estimated that Liberty bond holders lost \$400,000,000 in those post-war days. Of course, there is no way of knowing whether the same thing will happen again, but it is only practical to educate the people about the tricks of the swindlers to make sure the situation isn't repeated. Already, there are small groups of crooks who are operating small rackets, using the ex-service man and war worker as their stooges.

There are many clever variations of the confidence game possible today. One of the most conspicuous examples is the case of the veterans who want to study at a trade school. A lot of them are inveigled to enter into some fly-by-night institution which has expensive entrance fees and tuition but offers no worth-while training. Those who have always wanted a business of their own may buy a partnership in a concern with a glamorous front but no assets. Extra care is required in these projects today, for even in normal times over a thousand concerns were daily forced to close their doors. Even those who want to buy a new home should check on its construction and deed closely, to make sure they are getting what they are paying for.

But every swindle is not on a large scale, for there are petty crooks who deal with minor things such as hoisting prices on small articles.

A number of organizations are ready to help the public avoid the pitfalls. There are the eighty-six Better Business Bureaus, which combat fraud and misrepresentation in the advertising and selling of securities, merchandise and personal services. Also, the Department of Commerce has greatly expanded its informational services on small business. Chambers of Commerce, local banks, credit agencies and professional advisers can all offer much sound advice.

A number of special aids are available for the veteran. The Veterans' Administration is there to guide him, and local agencies have been set up especially to counsel him. Even his old friend, the draft board, is able to offer special information pertaining to local business.

• Movies and Sailors

Every man has the privilege of formulating his own ideas about things. It is even considered an accomplishment to be able to form one's own opinions. A great deal can be learned from the comparison of people's tastes and opinions.

But— Let's not all compare our criticisms of a movie while the movie is in progress. Someone may somewhere be appreciating it. So, why ruin his enjoyment because you are not entertained? The average intelligent man takes it for granted that his neighbor perceives the "corn" on the screen. He doesn't have to wait for cowboy "ah-hahs" and groans.

On the other hand, we all appreciate the parabolic proportions of the Hollywood female. It doesn't take a scream and a pounding on the head from the fellow in the row behind to awaken our minds. We're living, too.

Oak Knoll's Women's Reserve Inspected by Comdr. Westcott



Accompanied by Lt. Louise Dowlen, Women's Reserve representative Commander Doris Westcott, 12th Naval District WR Director, is conducted through the Wave Barracks by Gladys Garman, Sp (S)2c.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Elegy to a Mother

Beams of sunshine misplace the rain,
The world's at peace and spring again.
Night in its darkness drops its shroud,
Dawn breaks clear, crisp, and proud.
The sun arises and creeps into the skies,
For May mornings find many sleepless eyes.
The world is too alive for any to rest,
But one holds pitiless thoughts in her breast.
A grey-headed Mother arises before day
To take flowers to a grave and to pray.
To that Calvary she walks alone,
With no help to roll the stone.

It is a bitter cup she takes with grace,
As she kneels in prayer in that sacred place.
On a little white cross her eyes can see
Christ hanging crucified upon a tree.
She cries aloud, "God His only Son did give
So that others might live."
At first I said, I cannot bear,
But now my sorrow with God I share.

I too my only son did give,
So that others might live.
By enemies a bullet pierced his side,
Just as Christ when crucified.
Then it sounds as if the Heavenly Host sings
And church bells with anthems ring
As a voice says, "He conquered his foes,
Fear not, he too like Christ arose."

Joseph A. Talley
Chaplain, USNR

Miss Hyde Is Distinguished For Medical Illustrations



Lt. Comdr. Kay Hyde, W-S(HC)

Topside and down the corridor to the left in Building 102 is a large and well-lighted room. Amidst hanging drawings of dissected abdominal cavities and split craniums works Lt. Comdr. Kay Hyde, Oak Knoll's first and only medical illustrator. Do not interrupt; Miss Hyde is laboring over the final details of a tubercular lung which, when completed, will further explain the disease to thousands of medical students.

The purpose of medical art is to record accurately all phases of medicine which can be studied and used for the betterment of the profession. Intricate steps in an operation are illuminated three dimensionally and drawn to any scale. A new technique in handling an affliction or the physical effect of an experimental drug can be clearly interpreted and observed when the explanation is accompanied by a diagram. The medical artist can illuminate unnecessary factors such as blood stains and instruments from the finished picture, while a photograph cannot. Oak Knoll's medical science in action is drawn in black and white by Miss Kay Hyde for all to see and ponder over.

The ability to draw and the knowledge of the human physical construction are two of the more prominent faculties for successful medical illustrating. Miss Hyde began "doodling" when she was four

and, with the years, developed and expanded her artistic talent. A complete study of zoology and anatomy was digested in the four years she attended the University of California. Miss Hyde then filed her Bachelor of Arts degree, packed her easel and brushes and headed for John Hopkins University and further training. Under the tutoring of famous Max Brodel, she emerged well trained and eager to illustrate a lacerated stomach or a punctured kidney, or both.

Oak Knoll's medical artist returned to her native soil and her alma mater to illustrate and teach the finer points of "the black and white reproduction of medicine at work." The University of London Medical School recognized the mastery of her drawings, and in 1927 Lt. Comdr. Hyde crossed the Atlantic for a year's work in England. Returning stateside, the lady of art began a decade of collaboration with Dr. Callander on his noted tome, "Text Book on Surgical Anatomy."

Civilian Kay Hyde was freelancing her skill in Los Angeles when a painting of "Uncle Sam" pointing his finger and, in large captions, the words, "I Want You," caught her eye. Freelancing and her civilian status gave way to Lt. (jg) and orders to U. S. N. Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland. One of her first Navy creations made up a segment of the "Hospital Corps Book."

Six Years Away From Home is Too Long, says Dutch Sailor

It's a long way from Oakland to Alkmaar, Holland—6,000 miles to be exact—and no one knows it better than Johannes Leeuwenstein, who is a patient on ward 64B.

When the Germans swept into Holland in May, 1940, Johannes was stoker on a cruiser of the Royal Netherlands Navy. With the German hordes covering his country like a swarm of locusts, his ship sailed for the East Indies and Johannes had to leave his wife and son behind.

The following two years Johannes served in the engine rooms of three Dutch cruisers, the last of which was the *Soerabaja*. While at anchor in Soerabaja harbor, Java, in March of 1942, Japanese dive bombers attacked and sent a bomb crashing down into the engine room where Leeuwenstein was on duty. He was taken from the sinking ship to a Dutch hospital on Java, suffering shrapnel wounds in the stomach. A successful operation was performed, but within a month the Japanese had overrun Java, and Johannes was shipped to a concentration camp in Singapore.

Following three very miserable months in Singapore, Johannes spent a much more miserable year and a half on the railroad gangs in Thailand. Here, in the sweltering jungles, the sadistic Japanese beat Leeuwenstein and his fellow prisoners with fists and bamboo rods. Many died of malaria, dysentery and beriberi. When the bloody railroad was completed Johannes was sent for a "rest cure" to the coal mines near Fukuoka and Nagasaki to remain, underground most of the time, for another year and a half.

All this came to an end with a flood of American liberators in September, 1945. Johannes' face beams as he tells of the milk, green vegetables, meat and coffee which were finally given him after almost four years of near starvation. He was hospitalized immediately because of extreme fatigue, malnutrition and a respiratory disorder which had developed. From Japan he came by hospital ship and plane to Okinawa, Manila, and last November, to Oak Knoll.

Six years is a long time to be away from home, but Johannes is patient. His family is safe in Holland and they write to him often. And he knows that he can receive expert care here until he is well enough to make the trip home.

Johannes still has a little trouble with his English, but he gets along. "You know, I have not seen my boy yet. And he is more than five years by now. It won't be long though."

Father: I see by the gas tank you didn't go very far last night.

Son: That's what you think.



Johannes Leeuwenstein

Naval Aviation Program Revised

It has been announced that 2,000 young Americans in the age group from 17 to 21½ will be selected to undergo an aviation training program that will guarantee them at least two years of college and a commission as ensign upon successful completion of the course.

Guaranteed an education valued at more than \$27,000, the candidate will be sent to an accredited university or college of his own choice for two years as a civilian student. Upon completion of the formal education the young man will be called to flight training at one of the Navy's large air stations for an extensive 15-month course, upon completion of which he will be commissioned as a qualified Naval aviator. During his training period, the young man will have the opportunity to fly each of the various type planes currently used by the Navy.

This program is open to civilian high school graduates who have excelled in their studies and school curriculum. First year college students are also eligible.

Record Mail Flight Completed by Mars

A record-breaking payload of 32,699 pounds of mail was flown from Alameda, Calif., to Honolulu by the Navy's Marianas Mars, one of the world's largest flying boats. This feat topped a month in which NATS planes carried more than 500,000 pounds of mail from California to service men stationed throughout the Pacific. Also during the month, sister ships of the Marianas Mars made two trips, carrying 100 patients and 16 crew and corpsmen each hop. Now on regular schedule between California and Pearl Harbor, the planes will soon be used between Honolulu and the Marshall Islands, Saipan and Manila.

PhM3-c Hymel Takes Care of Hospital's Private Menagerie



Upper: Bernard Hymel, PhM3c, feeding Mickey, one of the guinea pigs, held by Gil Salvage, PhM2c. Lower: Hymel innoculating the ear of one of the rabbits.

Not all patients at Oak Knoll sleep on inner spring mattresses or eat the usual commissary chow, for there are a choice few who sleep in small cages on straw and eat dehydrated foods and lettuce. These elite patients are awaiting surgery, but not the type of surgery done in either of the hospital's surgery buildings. They are not of the normal type of patients seen on the ramps about the compound, for they run on four legs and are of various colors ranging from albino white through brown and pinto red to coal black.

This special ward is located on the corner of the compound by the firehouse and is under the jurisdiction of the Laboratory Department. PhM3c Bernard Hymel is not only the Officer-in-Charge, Attending Physician, and Veterinarian, but also is the man who picks up after the animals. His command consists of 83 guinea pigs and 20 rabbits all lined up ready for inspection in

their cages at any time. Bernie usually has an A-5 patient to assist him.

The animals are used to confirm certain diagnoses of diseases and conditions. Probably the most common test performed is the tuberculosis test injection of one of the guinea pigs with a specimen from a person who is suspected to have tuberculosis. After six weeks, the pig is killed and his viscera examined for any trace of diseased tissue.

The other common test performed is the Friedman Pregnancy test on rabbits. Ten cubic centimeters of urine from a woman who is suspected to be pregnant is injected into a virgin female rabbit for two consecutive days. The third day the rabbit is killed and the ovaries are examined for hemorrhage. If hemorrhage is present, there were special hormones in the injected urine from the woman, proving a pregnant condition.

AlNav Quotes Navy's Need for Inventions

A recent AlNav has stated the need of constructive suggestions and inventions by Naval personnel.

Original ideas used in this war have saved thousands of American lives and speeded our victory. Inventions have made substantial contributions, so have original operational, administrative, and technical ideas. The principal flow of such ideas has been through action reports and war diaries. Responsible agencies did excellent work, but suggestions from alert original thinkers outside these agencies broadened their views and furnished the germs of vital improvements or inspired the studies which produce them.

In this hospital, for instance, there are many needs for improvements, needs which can not be seen by people holding the responsible positions necessary to perform any action. Minor changes in mechanical apparatus which would aid in promoting efficiency will be appreciated as much as suggestions concerning various methods or changes in the paperwork behind it.

The AlNav includes possibilities for every suggestion and invention which will some time be of aid to

Credits Offered For Navy Courses

Hey, Corpsman, are you going to school post discharge? Want a couple of high school or college credits for your tutelage in the Navy? There is a good possibility of obtaining school credits by contacting Lt. Blanche Hurd (WR) at the Educational Offices.

High school and college credits may be granted on the basis of completion of Corps School and other specialized training such as operating room technicians, physical therapy technicians, etc. The American Council on Education can recommend the granting of high school unit in public health, first aid and physiology. The semester hours' credit can be designated by colleges in elementary anatomy, physiology and two semester hours in hygiene.

He made a perfect thirty-six on the golf course today.

Nine holes?

No, Fifth Avenue Model.

the Navy. The proper route for these papers is through the Commanding Officer to the Office of Research and Inventions, Washington, D. C.

Coming Primary Elections

Elections will be held during June and July in the states listed below. Unless otherwise indicated, members of the armed forces, members of the merchant marine and members of the American Red Cross, the United Services Organization and the Society of Friends may vote in these elections and may use the post card (USWBC Form No. 1) as an application for an absentee ballot. Except as noted, these elections are primary elections for the nomination of candidates for congress and state offices. In some states, county and township officers are also to be nominated. Post card applications for ballots may be obtained from the Voting Officer, Security Office, Building No. 1

STATE	Date of Election	Earliest Date State Will Receive Application	Earliest Date Ballot Will Be Mailed	Last Day Ballot Will Be Received To Be Counted
Alabama	4 June (1)	Any time (2)	25 May (3)	4 June
Arizona	16 July (4)	Any time	16 May	16 July
California	4 June	Any time (5)	25 April	20 June
Iowa	3 June (4)	Any time	9 April	2 June
Maine	17 June	Any time	15 May	17 June
Maryland	24 June (6)	After 15 April	15 April	24 June
Minnesota	8 July	(7)	8 May	8 July
Mississippi	2 July	(7)	(7)	(7)
Nebraska	11 June	Any time	2 May	5 July
New Jersey	4 June	Any time	30 March	4 June
New Mexico	4 June (8)	Any time	3 June
North Dakota	25 June	Any time	1 May	25 June
Oklahoma	2 July (6)	Any time	1 June (3)	2 July
South Dakota	4 June	15 May (3) (9)	15 May (3)	4 June
Texas	27 July	(7)	(7)	(7)
Utah	9 July	Any time	15 June	9 July
Virginia	11 July (10)	3 April	20 April	10 June
Washington	9 July	Any time	26 May	3 August
Wyoming	16 July	(11)	16 July

- (1) Run-Off Primary Election (if necessary).
- (2) Must be registered and all but armed forces must pay poll tax.
- (3) Approximate.
- (4) Law does not apply to American Red Cross, U.S.O., or Society of Friends.
- (5) Members of U.S.O. and Society of Friends apply by letter.
- (6) Constitutional amendments or initiative or referendum measures are also to be voted on.
- (7) Information not received.
- (8) Candidates for Federal offices only.
- (9) Address cards to County or City Auditor or Town Clerk.
- (10) Municipal elections, Mayor, Councilmen, and Aldermen. Only members of armed forces may vote.
- (11) Mail card to County Clerk.

Port Wine Veteran Even On Sporting Scene

"I was at Gettysburg when President Lincoln delivered the Emancipation Proclamation. Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth this continent—our patient tried to remember Lincoln had said at Gettysburg, November 19, 1863, but he was apologetically excused him."



Calvin H. Blanchard

The huge span of time had weakened his memory.

Ex.-Sgt. Calvin H. Blanchard, one of the oldest men in the country, a person who has lived through five major American conflicts, a citizen who has watched his country grow from the Rockies to the Pacific Ocean, is now under medical observation at our hospital.

Mr. Blanchard is presently at Oak Knoll on ward 77B, swapping war stories with "vets" of World War II. The "Yankee" sergeant will be 102 years of age next December.

Propped up in bed, and in the best of spirits, Blanchard recalled a freezing day in January, 84 years ago, when he donned the blue uniform of the Grand National Army, a 16-year-old soldier in the ranks of the Pennsylvania Infantry Volunteers. A month later he was under the command of General Geary and marching South to meet Stonewall Jackson and his invincible Gray regiments.

"It was in the Battle of Antietam, in August, 1862," reflects the Union rifleman, "that I was wounded, first in the pelvis and a month later in the thigh. Mr. Lincoln came in to chat with the injured men at the field hospital—he would talk with anybody. The President bent over my bed and asked how old I was. He wished me luck and told me to write home as soon as I was able." Mr. Blanchard continued, "I saw Abe Lincoln on the battlefield many



found him on a sunny day in South to the roaring, two-listed port of San Francisco. The next decade in his life was quiet and uneventful, devoted to the raising of five children and caring for an occasional granddaughter. All was peaceful, no wars, no Alaskan barrenness, and except for a rare skirmish on the Barbary Coast, Blanchard had settled down to family life. But every so often he would browse up and down Geary Street in San Francisco reminiscing about his

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He was 60 years old when the earthquake razed the city and 95 when, because of the pleas of his family, he stopped driving a car.

A teen-age patient listened intently to Mr. Blanchard's Decameron of three generations of living and at its completion asked the old sergeant for his "fountain of youth" formula. The elderly veteran turned his head, smiled, and said, "A little port wine every morning, sailor."

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On May 16, Red Cross Motor corps driver and Miss Tyler, Red Cross recreation worker, drove the patients to Big Basin, Mission San Jose, and Santa Clara. Even a taste of the good old Frontier Days, complete with costumes, wagons and mules, was had in Boulder City. During the picnic lunch, a floor show was provided by the deer (four-legged ones) who would bat each other about to obtain the cookies offered by the patients. With his supply of cookies, Pfc. Jack C. Caudle would lure the deer into the sunlight so PM 2/c L. L. Claiborne could take their pictures—but the cookies would run out just at the crucial moment.

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On ward 41B, William Lewis, Howard Lewis, Charles Callahan, William Roberson, George Henninger and Harold Wright were feted on Thursday, May 16, for their birthdays were all in May. Excitement and hilarity raged high as the Red Cross Night Recreation Corps gave the patients a chance to win or lose the paper money provided them on the horse racing game. Climaxing the evening, a large be-candled birthday cake and milk were served.



This paper shows that ex-Sergeant Calvin H. Blanchard was discharged eighty-one years ago from the Union Army.

PhM3-c Hymel Takes Care of Hospital's Private Menagerie



Harry James Asks 50 Patients to Radio Broadcast

Last night 50 Oak Knoll patients were the personal guests of Harry James and Betty Grable at a radio broadcast from the Curran Theater in San Francisco. The broadcast, sponsored by the Coca-Cola Company, featured Mr. James, his trumpet and his orchestra.

As soon as the broadcast had been definitely scheduled Harry James called Oak Knoll's Welfare and Recreation Department and made arrangements for the patients to be his guests at the broadcast.

Providing strenuous schedules would permit, Mr. and Mrs. James planned to tour several wards here Friday afternoon.

Popular Coast Guard Representative Gone

Last Friday, Oak Knoll lost one of its most popular and prominent personalities—Helen Keane, Sp(X) 1/c (MM).

Miss Keane had served exactly one year at Oak Knoll as the Coast Guard representative. Her duties consisted of innumerable matters pertaining to Hooligan's Navy such as pay accounts, allotments and discharges. Not only did she counsel the wearers of the shield at the Knoll, but also those at Mare Island and at San Leandro.

Miss Keane has departed for her home at Norwood, Mass., just outside of Boston. Her duties here have been assumed by the Staff Personnel Office.

Said the firefly as he backed into the lawnmower: I'm delighted no end.

Off the Bookshelf

What's new in fiction? The following are a few of the recent additions to our shelves:

A House in the Uplands, by Erskine Caldwell. Portrays the decay of Southern gentry.

This Side of Innocence, by Taylor Caldwell. A tale of enmities and lawless love in upstate New York in the 1870's and 1880's.

The Big Sleep, by Raymond Chandler. A detective story.

Crows Can't Count, by A. A. Fair. A new Bertha Cool-Donald Lam mystery.

The D. A. Breaks a Seal, by Erle Stanley Gardner.

The Bulwark, by Theodore Dreiser. A posthumously published novel of emotional conflict and understanding based upon religious experiences.

Flying Stories, by Guy Gilpatric. Tales of flying and fliers.

The Street, by Ann Petry. The story of a young Negro girl who falls prey to the poverty and depravity of her Harlem surroundings.

Lawrence Vane, by Angela du Maurier. A woman concert pianist loses her world of music only to find a world of love and understanding in a man she has never met.

Valley Boy, by Theodore Pratt. San Fernando Valley is the setting for this novel.

Wake of the Red Witch, by Garland Roark. A tale of passion, lust and greed, of pearl diving and treasure hunting in the South Seas.

David the King, by Gladys Schmitt. An historical novel of the Israelite king.

Star of the Unborn, by Franz Werfel. The rebirth of a man of today into the superior, healthier world of A. D. 101945.

AlNav Quotes Navy's Need for Inventions

A recent AlNav has stated the need of constructive suggestions and inventions by Naval personnel.

Original ideas used in this war have saved thousands of American lives and speeded our victory. Inventions have made substantial contributions, so have original operational, administrative, and technical ideas. The principal flow of such ideas has been through action reports and war diaries. Responsible agencies did excellent work, but suggestions from alert original thinkers outside these agencies broadened their views and furnished the germs of vital improvements or inspired the studies which produce them.

In this hospital, for instance, there are many needs for improvements, needs which can not be met by people holding the responsible positions necessary to perfect them. Minor changes in the apparatus will

WILLIAM WILSON
with
EDGAR KENNEDY
JOHN PHILLIBER
SIG RUMAN
Directed by
RENE CLAIR

Saturday, 25 May

A Triumphant Return...

David O. Selznick Re-Presents
Rebecca
starring
LAURENCE OLIVIER
JOAN FONTAINE
with **GEORGE SANDERS** · **JUDITH ANDERSON**
Directed by **Alfred Hitchcock**
From the best selling novel by **Daphne Du Maurier**
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A SELZNICK INTERNATIONAL PICTURE

Sunday, 26 May

Stage Show
AL DONAHUE
And His Orchestra
Amphitheater - 1500
All Hands Dance - 2000
Monday, 27 May

Credits For Navy

Hey, Corpsman! HIS OWN to school post couple of his Havilland credits for y'n Lund Navy? There ay, 28 May of obtaining

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TO-FISTED ACTION!
DE-SPLITTING
LAUGHTER!
HEART-THRILLING
BALLADS!

COLUMBIA PICTURES presents
CHARLES STARRETT ★ **SMILEY BURNETTE**
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GALLOPING THUNDER
with **MERLE TRAVIS** and **His Bronco Busters**
Original screenplay by Ed. Earl Repp
Produced by COLBERT CLARK
Directed by RAY NAZARRO

Thursday, 30 May

BADMAN'S TERRITORY
Randolph Ann Geo. Gabby
SCOTT · RICHARDS · HAYES
Produced by NAT HOLT · Directed by TIM WHILLAN
Original Screen Play by JACK HATTEFORD and LEO HART
Friday, 31 May

"LOOK FOR A LOWDOWN WOMAN IN HIGH PLACES!"

GEORGE RAFT
CLAIRE TREVOR
SIGNE HASSO
JOHNNY ANGEL
LOWELL GILMORE
HOAGY CARMICHAEL
MARGARET WYCHERLY
Produced by William L. Perle - Directed by LEO L. KURTZ
Screen Play by STEVE FISHER
Saturday, 1 June

The Sporting Scene



Numerous small basketball courts are located around the compound, including this one between wards 52 and 53. Shown playing are Pfc. Jessie Warrick, HA1c Jack McDuffie, Corp. Walt Ryan, and PhM2c Billy Morton.

Staff Docs Take Bowling Tourney

Team No. 3 of Staff Doctors, in an extremely close match, pulled ahead of Welfare and Recreation's squads, Nos. 1 and 2, to win the bowling tournament. The finals were played last Monday evening in Ship's Service Bowling Alleys. The winning Staff Doctors' team was composed of Lt. (jg) Smith, Ens. McClain, Lt. (jg) Foley and Felix, CSp(A). Kinne, HA2/c; Bohm, PhM3/c; Catalano, Sp(A) 1c; and Wagner, PhM3/c, composed the Welfare and Recreation team No. 1, which placed second. The team taking third place was made up of Roach, HA2/c; Wadlington, PhM3/c; Doré, PhM2/c; and Weiler, PhM3/c.

Wagner of Welfare and Recreation turned in the night's high score, and also the highest score to be seen in the alleys for quite some time—a 254. His second line was a 210, also well above average bowling. Roach bowled the second high score with a 211. The total team point score was Staff Doctors, 2109; Welfare and Recreation No. 1, 2056; and Welfare and Recreation No. 2, 2023.

There will be no more tournaments formed, but the alleys will remain open as usual.

Transportation Wins Over Seaman Guard

The Hospital Corps distinguished itself last week when a group of its representatives conquered the Seaman Security Guard of the brig. The HA's and Pharmacist Mates of Transportation got off their driver's seats to defeat the future Bosun's Mates by the score of 17 to 11 (so it was finally agreed). The game was a good exhibition of that type of baseball seen on Ebbets Field, Brooklyn.

Convoys Scheduled To Arrive This Coming Week

Several ships are due in San Francisco this week with patients for Oak Knoll. On Sunday 26th, the USS Hermitage will put in with 127 patients, Tuesday 28th, the USS Fremont will bring 15. Friday 31st, the USS Pascell will dock with nine patients for the Knoll. The Hawaii Mars is due some time in the middle of the week with another hundred from Aiea Hospital.

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Keeper: Out back making love.

Zoo Visitor: Would they come out for some peanuts?

Keeper: Would you?

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Transportation got chugging a little bit in the third when Frisk Embrey and Wood came across the plate. But they were soon stalled in their attempt to get started, for in the fourth, Osborne and Doyle of the Limp Gimps got on first and second. Pfc. Hallam stepped up to the plate and knocked them both in with a double. He himself was then driven home by that slugging Marine, McGee.

The last dying sparks came from Transportation's batteries in the fifth with a three-run tally. But the Limp Gimps wound up the game in the sixth and seventh with four and six runs, respectively. Credit for the game should be given to Pitcher Garcia for his fine performance of holding down Transportation's sluggers to six hits.

Another reason for the success of the patients of 53 was the fine coaching of Gunner Murphy, cheerleading of Pfc. Hale and the general morale building of "Leo Durocher"—O'Oboikovitz, president of the club.

The batting order of the Limp Gimps was Left Fielder Osborne, Shortstop Doyle, Center Fielder Gillihan, First-sacker Davis, Catcher Pollard, Pitcher Garcia, Second Baseman Hawkland, Hot Cornerman Hallam, Right Fielder McGee and Short Fielder Mikkelson.

Transportation's lineup was Left Fielder "Guard-Mail" Billetts, Center Fielder Frisk, Short Fielder Embrey, Right Fielder Wood, Shortstop Weed Myers, Hot Cornerman Jones, Second-sacker Smith, First Baseman Boone, Catcher Wisenhunt and Pitcher Cromie.

The final score was 19 to 7.

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PhM3/c: "How did your girl like the bathing suit you gave her?"

HA2/c: "You should have seen her beam when she got into it."

Traveling Big Top Visits Hospital For a Day



Plenty of laughs were in store for the audience last week when Aahmes Shrine Temple presented several acts from Polack Brothers Circus. Everything from wild animals to circus clowns made the amphitheater a complete three-ring canvas big-top. Show highlights were the m... that couldn't be ridden and the tame baby bear. Younger members of audience were pleased with the antics of the fantastically garbed clowns.

SCUTTLEBUTT

Adhering to the proverb that began with the ending of the Revolutionary War, "A bird in the lapel is worth two in the chow line," they stuff their sea bags and stride down the gangplank and fade inconspicuously into the civilian mobs. Envious eyes watch the departure of six utterly charming Oak Knollerettes. The poor kids gotta' dig their own coal and engineer their own railroads.

June Manhart, who got shot in the leg with a coke bottle recently, is gone, and all the dependents on 72A flew the ward flags at half mast in memory of the magnificent job she had done.

Long ago they gargled the amber fluid from the friendship cup at a local recreation hall somewhere in the vicinity, but not affected by, Mills College. **Lyle Nelson** and "**Eddie**" **Spencer** have been bosom

buddies ever since. And now they leave for the fair city of Chicago and Bryan, Ohio, respectively. Will **Lyle** and "**Eddie**" part when they cross the Mississippi? Will the Oakland Oaks stay in first place? Will **Mouse Moise** ever eat chow with the boys again?

Mary Alice Yelland, her maroon hair, her canary voice, and her tailspin perfume, took leave of the hospital after a tear-jerking display of diaper confetti thrown at her like rice, by the wee ones of Maternity Ward.

And the Officers' Club must suffer the loss of their enlisted gal 'cause **Gladys Wallin** decided to doff the navy blue.

Oak Knoll's scenery will also feel the effect of this latest civilian kidnapping. **Ev Milkovich**, the one gal whose effervescent smile, whose personality, had lured almost as many men into the Dental Clinic as **Jane Russell** drew jurors at the legal preview of "The Outlaw."

Good-bye girls and write soon!!!

Seabiscuit, the pre-war racing pony, had a son named Mediterranean. **Glen Friedman**, **Don Shasky**, **George Nestor**, and **Eliot Berman**, one dreary Saturday afternoon devised a scheme to gain fabulous fortunes by putting a couple of pay days on the nag's nose. But Mediterranean's nose dribbled home and the ducats that forecasted a green paper mint now adorns the windshield of **Friedman's Maxwell**.

Subject: Even mice can be men!

The first wave of the Shoemaker Hospital Waves has landed. These harbingers of femininity will be followed by no less than 100 wonderful women ward workers. Wow!! Introducing: **Jeanne Langdon**, **Mary Anita Holmbeck**, **Dorothea Haessig**, **Levnia Olson**, **Audrey Williams** and **Doris Birkland**.

Ernie Lewis Brings Mad Music to Wards Through Red Cross

That really "solid" music heard on wards 46A and 64B on Thursday, May 16, came from **Ernie Lewis's** seven-piece colored band. Patients were all very enthusiastic about the excellent selection of instrumental and vocal numbers—everything from **Carmichael's "Stardust"** to **Count Basie's "One O'clock Jump."** The band came to Oak Knoll from Club Villa on Seventh Street in Oakland.

To buy..sell..rent

For Sale . . .

Good quality furniture, nearly new, for living room, bedroom, kitchen, and breakfast room. Includes stove. See Mrs. Wathen at the Disbursing Office.

Found . . .

Black Parker fountain pen and a pair of glasses. May be identified at the OOD's desk.

Wanted . . .

TO RENT—A baby bed or crib. Contact **D. F. Ecklund**, M.I. Ward 43-A.



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Civilians Join Guard at Gate



Veteran gate-guards Lewis and White show new-comer "Pop" Miller the proper way to check out government vehicles. Future security watches at the gate will be composed of two civilians and one sailor.

The impregnable, small concrete island located in the center of the Main Gate entrance has changed its inhabitants. The imaginary island guards our hospital from misdeemeanors and unwelcome passers, has relinquished its exclusiveness as a military personnel detail to a detachment of civilian guards. Operations Main Gate now the combined efforts of wielding sailors and gun-uniformed civilians.

Last Monday morning six of the Navy security guards doffed their white boots, unlatched their clubs and laid aside their clubs and red out to seven civilian protectors. The complement on the island is now seven non-military and four enlisted personnel. The six have been absorbed by various industries around the hospital.

The duties of the civilian-sailor combination are to check all in-

coming vehicles as to proper identification, to enforce the restrictions of censored articles such as liquor and to perform the necessary police duties at the entrance and exit of Oak Knoll.

Four years ago, with the opening of the hospital, came the inauguration of the Main Gate island fortress. Its original protectors were civilians who eventually gave way to the era of the Marine Detachment. The veterans of South Pacific combat carried on the duties of the etiquette and administration of the front passageway into Oak Knoll until February 1946, when the Navy blue replaced their island-hopping buddies.

In charge of the depleted military personnel is Chief Pharmacist Mate R. R. Warren, and head man for the city dwellers is R. J. Kennedy. The remaining pharmacist mates are S. D. Lewis, D. E. Lowe, B. D. Hughes and R. J. Douglas.

World Destroyers Produced By Navy in Berkeley Labs

The most significant news-story since the atomic bomb was heard 'round the world from the ruins of Hiroshima, came out of the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery from their laboratories in nearby Berkeley. Members of Congress, quoting the Navy's scientific experts, revealed the world-shaking news that a weapon has been devised and perfected that is "far more deadly than the atomic bomb."

Secret Project Completed

Under the command of Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntyre, Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, and supervised directly by Navy Captain Albert P. Kreuger, the scene of the weapon's development is known officially as Naval Laboratory Research Unit One at the University of California. At the time the program for the human germicide was reported last October, the disease under study was described as "centuries old and one of the greatest of killers."

Now congressional spokesmen have revealed that a single plane, flying at an altitude beyond the range of ground fire, could loose a germ spray which would kill the entire population of a city below. "You would not have to drop a germ on every person in a city. One operation would be sufficient, for the effects would spread rapidly."

Could Starve A Nation

Another development perfected, the possibilities of which could prove even more devastating, would utilize the horrible instrument of universal starvation. Airplanes are now able to fly over the Dakotas, for example, and destroy the entire wheat crop in a single operation, including the seeds in the ground.

The connotation of these latest developments of military science cannot be too heavily emphasized. If another major conflict should arise, the powers involved might have at hand methods to infect, burn or starve an entire nation from existence in a week's time.

The congressmen declared that the American government is the sole possessor of the new secrets. It is ironic that the home of the deadly germ sprays is less than a mile away from the university's physics laboratories, which house the giant cyclotron, incubator of the other potential world-destroyer, atomic energy.

Eighteen Donors Add Vital Fluid To Blood Bank

The need for blood donations on the compound is being answered daily by more and more worthy people who are willing to part with a pint of their vital fluid. Lt. Comdr. Margaret MacNamara, reports that 18 volunteers showed up in the five days between May 22 and 27.

Miss "Mac" relates that Ensigns D. C. Bittleson and C. E. McClain, both of Oak Knoll's popular Physical Training division, made the trip together. These husky athletes showed signs of weakening at the sight of the needle, but left the Bank with a cavalier air after making their contributions.

The patients were represented by Wave Y2c Patricia Weed and Ptr3c P. R. Agard. Two civilians, Herman Fiedler and M. F. McCarthy, donated their pints to some lucky servicemen.

Perhaps the most appreciated of donors was Lt. (jg) Charles Paulson from Ward 40B. Lieutenant Paulson had some difficulty getting down to the bank to donate. He is encumbered by a brace which covers the lower half of his body.

Other welcomed contributors included PhM2c Betty Zidehn, HA1c R. A. Bronson, PhM3c F. E. Glasa, Ens. W. M. Rees, (NNC), HA1c Mary Karabec, PhM3c C. Konkich, PhM3c Charles Fagan, PhM3c G. C. Swisher, HA1c D. L. King, PhM3c I. M. Stallings, and HA2c J. E. Sparks.

Miss MacNamara, who is an experienced hand at supervising blood banks, comments, "I've never seen anything like it. Despite the swell response we've had, there hasn't yet been one doctor down here to donate. And they, of all people, should know how badly blood is needed for transfusions."

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Memorial Day and Democracy

" . . . that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

—Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg.

These words spoken by one of the most outstanding men of American history present the proper remembrance of Memorial Day. It should not be thought of solely as a day for the eulogy of those who died through the wars, but more important, a day to recall the cause for which they died. It is not the death itself that bears forth the value of the occasion, but the fact that they gave their lives to promote the principles of democracy.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

QUIZ ON PEOPLE OF THE BIBLE.

1. Who was born of Jewish parents, but was also a Roman citizen?
2. Who in the New Testament is known only because of his good neighbor policy?
3. Who was noted among other things for having many boils?
4. Who was the brother of Mary and Martha?
5. Who was the hot-headed fisherman who was often the spokesman for the Apostles?
6. Who offered to cut a child in half, and give half to each of two women who claimed to be the child's mother?
7. Who was the husband of Queen Jezebel?
8. Who served as "public information" man for Moses?
9. Who dared to eat sanely despite his master's efforts to the contrary?
10. Who was the first Christian martyr?

(Allow ten points for each question. Score of 60 is good; 80 very good 100 excellent.)

CHAPLAIN E. C. ANDREWS.

Answers to quiz: 1. St. Paul, 2. The good Samaritan, 3. Job, 4. Lazarus, 5. St. Peter, 6. Solomon, 7. Ahab, 8. Aaron, 9. Daniel, 10. St. Stephen.

Commissions Now Open for NNC

Opportunities for commissions in the Regular Navy Nurse Corps are now open to qualified applicants, the Navy has announced.

To qualify for appointment, applicants must have a high school education and be a graduate of an accredited School of Nursing. She must be between the ages of 22 and 30, and must meet physical standards equivalent to those set for male officers of the Regular Navy.

Local applicants desiring more detailed data may contact Commander Elizabeth M. O'Brien, Nurse Corps, USN, at the 12th Naval District Medical Offices, 240 Stockton Street, San Francisco.

Ass't SecNav Urges Purchase of Bonds

As a method of combatting inflation, Assistant Secretary for Air John L. Sullivan has urged Naval personnel to invest in U. S. Savings Bonds.

Mr. Sullivan, in a dispatch to Navy personnel throughout the world, pointed out that the best way to combat rising prices was to resist the temptation to spend extra dollars. "The key is continued saving for future needs and the best and safest way to save is still United States Savings Bonds; their purchase through the allotment plan, and their retention."

Go to the Security Office today and apply for a nest-egg via the allotment plan and savings bonds.

Patient from Oak Knoll Places in Western Division Rifle Matches



—(Official Marine Corps Photo)

Major General D. C. McDougal, USMC (Ret.), congratulates Lt. Col. E. L. Hamilton who, though handicapped by partial disability, managed to place 5th in the Western Division Pistol Match with a score of 522. Col. Hamilton has been a patient at Oak Knoll for more than two years.

Red Cross Ramblings

Sic George Shafe, southerner from Statesville, N. C., in 45A, is trying something new and that is a picture album of plexiglass with the letters "Photos U. S. Navy" cut out of colored plastic. He says, it is for me now, but someone else may get it later on."

Baseball hits ward 47A and the Tigers win again. With baseball hats made by the men on the ward, representing Detroit and Boston, the port side of the ward challenged the starboard side to a fast baseball game. Pitchers Dixon and Slater threw some hard questions back and forth to all members of the two teams—but it seemed to be Detroit's day—they really held on to the ball (pardon us, we mean questions) and produced the right answers. When it comes to throwing balls (dice) Boston rallied, but when the final drive came it was Detroit again. Everyone felt better after a bag of peanuts and popcorn, and root beer—except the corpsman with his broom.

Athletics again came to the fore on ward 62B, when, with the help of the Cal Gals, a track meet was held last Wednesday night. Beginning with the 50 yard dash, which in reality was a 3-legged race, the events moved rapidly from one to another for a full evening of hilarity and fun. Final victor was the "Blue" team, winning five of the ten events. Outstanding athletes proved to be Pat Berry, 50 yard dash; Dan O'Connell, javelin throw; Green L. Robertson, standing broad jump; Jimmy Butler, sack race; Martin Lerum, discus throw; Bill Magnusson, high hurdles; Peter Austin, down the hatch, and Robert Anderson, peanut stunt.

A planning committee made up of Pfc. John T. Nolan, Ship's Cook, 1c John T. Shumate from 43A, Sic W. G. Nicholson and Pfc. William Russell from wards 74A and B, together with the field director, the recreation supervisor and the ward recreation workers met with the Red Cross Chapter heads at the chapter house in Oakland recently. The group met to discuss the off-compound trips taken by the two wards. The patients represented their wards and told of the places their buddies wanted to go. Future trips to be scheduled will include Carmel, Yosemite, and various fishing spots. After the meeting the patients invaded a chapter house tea to see what foods can be served to conserve food.

Wives, mothers and friends of ambulatory patients working at the Red Cross Craft Shop are lucky people these days. Plexiglass that was ready to be sent to airplane repair bases overseas before the end of the war, has recently been received from salvage. As a result, plexiglass is number one on the handicraft hit parade this week. A plastic tooth brush and glass holder is being made by MM1c Michael Gonosey of San Francisco, now an ambulatory patient on 74B. Gonosey has also made candle holders, dishes, spoons and forks for his wife. Charles Harris of Berkeley is having his first fling at plexiglass and is doing a good job on a bowl for his wife. MM1c Adrien Smith of Akron, Ohio, on 80B is the most ambitious of the lot, having just completed an electric shaver case of plexiglass, salt and pepper shakers, and a powder jar—all for the little woman.

Poison Arrows

Primitive Drug Comes to Aid Of Difficult Long Surgery

"What's one man's poison may be another man's medicine" is an adage that has paid off many times to medical researchers and ultimately to many, many patients. CQM Harvey Massingill of ward 62B is one of those to whom a poison famed as "The Flying Death" has been a timely medicine. It made the removal of a diseased lobe of Massingill's left lung easier for the surgeon and safer for Massingill, with conditions conducive to a less complicated post-operative course.

"The Flying Death" took this name, deservedly, when a physician with Sir Walter Raleigh on the Orinoco river saw it used by Indians to poison their arrows. They prepared the poison from a plant now named Chondrodendron tomentosum. An animal or a human nicked by one of these arrows became paralyzed in a few seconds and, if he did not die immediately from paralysis of the respiratory muscles, he was at least an easy target for the coup de grace.

But "The Flying Death" has other names, less ominous. Claude Bernard, a famous French physiologist, called it curare (pronounced cure-ahree) when in 1840 he proved that its paralyzing action was due to a blocking of the electrical impulses from the nerve ends to muscles. It is this knowledge that has made the drug valuable to surgeons.

The difference between curare as a poison and as a medicine lies only in how it is given. In certain doses curare causes complete relaxation of the limb and abdominal muscles, providing excellent conditions for abdominal surgical procedures. In heavier doses, it paralyzes even the intercostal respiratory muscles and diaphragm leaving the subject unable to breathe. But this is not necessarily fatal, for the drug has no effect on the heart muscles, and as long as artificial respiration can be given, the heart will beat and the patient will keep right on living. This is where the surgeon's interest in curare lies. If he can paralyze respiratory movements temporarily so that the diaphragm, ribs and lungs are not bouncing around in the operative field at inopportune times, surgery inside the chest is greatly simplified.

Curare can do this for him, but it is the anesthetist who holds the responsible job of administering the drug in just the correct amount and of providing "controlled respiration" by means of alternate pressure on a rubber bag. He literally holds the bag during the operation. Since curare does not abolish pain, a gaseous anesthetic in addition to oxygen must be given through the bag.

Curare came to Oak Knoll with Dr. Frederick E. Beckert, Lt. (jg), USNR, an anesthesiologist from the University of California Medical



CQM Harvey Massingill

School. Dr. Beckert had assisted in the early use of curare in surgery and was already skilled in the tricks of its administration before introducing its use here. And Massingill is only one of many patients for whom curare has been facilitator to surgery.

But Massingill, perhaps more than others, deserved the ultra-ultra in medical care, having been deprived of it for so long. He had been a Japanese prisoner of war for over three years, working in a coal mine where he first became ill with an infection of his left lung. V-J Day found him weighing 113 pounds, in a Japanese hospital with beriberi plus his lung ailment (called bronchiectasis), receiving very little food and less treatment. Good nourishment restored his weight and strength, but the bronchiectasis, limited to only one lobe of the left lung, persisted even after a 90-day convalescent leave. It was apparent that surgery offered the only hope of a cure.

So on May 14 Massingill "went under the knife" with curare and Dr. Beckert controlling his respirations and nitrous oxide obliterating pain. Three blood transfusions replaced the blood lost in surgery and in the course of his chronic infection.

The result was a successful operation, with Massingill now out of the woods and already thankful for the elimination of a cough that had rankled and weakened him for over two years.

Observing this and many other successes, surgeons are pleased. Pharmacologists are delighted. Anesthesiologists are cautious. But nobody is yet thinking of giving curare back to the Indians.

Awning and Shrimp Adorn Ship's Service

Departments may close, Oak Knoll personnel may seek greener hills in civilian land, but Ship's Service will continue to enhance the outside and offer an ever increasing variety of commodities on the inside.

Let it rain, let it snow, let the earth swelter in the heat of the mid-day sun, our Ship's Service has an awning over its weather deck. This country club canopy, which folds and unfolds to suit the occasion is woven of the finest canvas and striped in the traditional Navy colors blue and gold.

For your eating pleasure it's Oak Knoll's grade "A" hot dog with accompanying relish, mustard and salad dressing, enclosed in an oven-fresh bun. For your dieting pleasure it's the fountain's home-made Dutch lunch, a concoction of fruit salad, salami, a variety of cheeses, and cold vegetables, on a calorie foundation of California-ripened lettuce leaves.

Soon to be seen at your local fountain counter will be shrimp and crab cocktails, a la Fisherman's Wharf. The ocean delicacies will be fresh from the sea, and the sauce will be made by the best catsup chemists at the hospital.

Bells Chime For Knoll Newlyweds

Oak Knoll, its prosaic ode to spring and the symbolic references to love, honor, and cherish, has offered its chapel to no less than five weddings in the last few weeks.

Those in complete nuptial agreement were:

Sltc Thomas J. Goss II and former Audrey May Smith, Ensign, (NNCR).

Mr. Walter L. Tretton and bride Catherine Seitz, Ensign, (NNC).

S/Sgt. Hal T. Feber and now wife, Sgt. Jeanette Doris Kroll.

Don C. Bittleston, Ensign, and Oak Knoll's congenial aqua life-guard and Red Cross officiator, Dorothy Alice Hendy.

Lt. (jg) Curt Bluefeld, Jr., and bride Frances J. Schaser, Lt. (jg).

Then there were four happy people who took their business to the family temple around the corner. The Chester Youngs', he of the Security Guard and she of civilian life.

Johnny Kephart and Elaine Hull, both of the Dental Clinic, merged their social standing in a quiet little establishment dedicated to the unification of those in love.

Ed. Note: The "Oak Leaf" extends its heartiest congratulations to these lucky people.

Also congrats to Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Weiss who are the parents of a new baby boy born at Oak Knoll recently.

Marine Gains Weight Recaptures Maidens

Notable as a local Casanova and a man of the world is Platoon Sergeant George W. McCord, currently and since last October a patient on ward 60A. The sergeant can be seen touring the compound and most of the Bay area in his red '41 Buick convertible, with fellow patients and various beautiful females as passengers.

Born and raised in Santa Rosa



Sgt. McCord, and friends

where his father was Chief of Police for thirty-two years, George was a deputy sheriff there before he decided the Marines might be better. That was back in September, 1939. He didn't stay with the Corps in San Diego long, but shipped off to China and remained with the MC Guards in Tientsin and Peking for two years. McCord reached Manila two months before the fireworks broke out, and was stationed at Cavite during the overwhelming bombings there in the spring of '42. He stood on Corregidor as a buck sergeant commanding a machine-gun position until "the Rock" fell to the Japanese on the sixth of May.

Sergeant McCord was held in Bilibid Prison and Cabanatuan, both in the Philippines, for two months. He had his "pants kicked off" by the Japanese at Nichols Field, near Manila, where the prisoners were used to build a huge airfield. Then his unhappy itinerary landed him at Osaka, high up in the mountains, where he remained for fourteen months and where many of the weaker prisoners died like flies in the snow.

With the coming of occidental justice to the heart of the Co-Prosperity Sphere, the frightened Japanese hurried McCord and his buddies by train to Tokyo. Then, under hospital care for malnutrition, a liver disorder and beriberi, the sergeant was sent to Guam and reached Oak Knoll last October second. When liberated he weighed an uncomfortable 108 pounds, but gained twelve of them back on his way here. Since then he has attained 218 pounds.

Alternate Hot, Smooth and Latin Pieces by Al Donahue



A section of the large dancing audience which cut frantic and dignified capers to the tempos of Al Donahue's "Low Down Rhythm in a Top Hat" last Monday night in the auditorium.

On Monday last Oak Knoll's patients and staff thronged the outdoor amphitheater in the afternoon and the auditorium in the evening, magnetized by the renowned music of Al Donahue and his orchestra.

Handsome Al, whose personality as well as his music carried the afternoon show to a complete success, displayed an almost limitless variety of tunes, from vocals and sentimental melodies to the hottest in jump tunes. A favorite with servicemen from coast to coast, the maestro brought with him adorable Jimmie June, whose renditions of "All Through the Night" and "The Gypsy" produced appreciative approval from the gay dancing and listening audience.

The band had its own versions of three jitterbugs' favorites, "The Honeydripper," "E-Bobalibop" and an especially mad issue of "Cement Mixer" (putty, putty). The best that was offered for dreamy dancing was exotic "Temptation."

Stockton Regatta For 150 Patients

One hundred and fifty patients from Oak Knoll will leave bright and early tomorrow morning for Stockton where they will attend the Stockton Regatta scheduled for the afternoon.

Flotilla No. 33 will be hosts, and nothing has been spared to give Oak Knoll patients a good time. In addition to water sports such as skiing, inboard and outboard motorboat races, and sail-boat races, smorgasbord meals and any refreshments desired will be served.

Arrangements for the trip have been made by the Welfare and Recreation department at the hospital.

Postwar Navy to Include Seabees

The Seabees, a wartime addition to the Navy for overseas advance base construction, will be a permanent branch of the peacetime Navy.

Their training base and supply depot will be Port Hueneme, Calif.

Plans for the Seabee construction battalions were disclosed recently in the record of hearings before the House Navy Appropriations Subcommittee on the Navy supply bill for the 1947 fiscal year.

Rear Admiral John J. Manning, chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, told the subcommittee the budget for the 12 months beginning July 1 provides for 7000 Seabees.

"We are hoping in the final setup that we will have 22,000 Seabees," he added, "because 7000 is just not enough."

The Seabees will be trained at Port Hueneme, Admiral Manning said, but their work will continue to be performed entirely outside the United States "in conformance with one of the basic principles under which the Seabees were organized."

The 1947 budget calls for \$410,175 for training of Seabees, including \$360,000 for 125 civilian instructors in welding, carpentry, mechanics, surveying and various other crafts. The budget also lists \$4,100,000 for handling and shipping materials for the Seabees at the Port Huemene depot.

Young lady: Oh sir, what kind of an officer are you?

Officer: I'm a Naval surgeon.

Young lady: My goodness! How you doctors do specialize.

Coming Attractions

Sharing
an
outlaw's
kisses!



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EVELYN KEYES
WILLARD PARKER
LARRY PARKS
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Screenplay by Melvin Levy and Frances Edwards Faragoh
Produced by MICHEL KRAIKE
Directed by GEORGE SHERMAN

Sunday, 2 June



RE-RELEASED
A WARNER BROS. HIT
with ALAN HALE • FRANK McHUGH

Monday, 3 June

"MAKE MINE MUSIC"
Walt Disney Feature
Tuesday, 4 June

"BLONDIE'S LUCKY DAY"
Penny Singleton - Arthur Lake
Wednesday, 5 June



with MARTHA O'DRISCOLL TOM NEAL
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Thursday, 6 June

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and

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Produced by

Robert and Raymond Hakim

Directed by Sam Wood

Adaptation by Maxine Ryskind
Director of Photography, Joseph Valentine, A. S. C.

Stage Show - 1800

Movies - 1500 & 1930

Friday, 7 June

The Sporting Scene



Left Fielder Osborne of Ward 53's Limp Gimp softball team smashes out a powerful line drive as the team won its second game from Transportation's hapless motorboys.

Local Teams Vie For Championship

Brig Beats Transportation

At the Oak Knoll diamond on Wednesday the 22nd, the Brig Guard outhit, outfielded and outscored the Transportation squad, in response to the previous week's loss.

S2c Feldman of the Brig team was the star of the game, knocking out a homer, a single, a double and a pair of triples out of five trips to the plate. His team mates Hepfinger and Evans also led the field with three hits for five each.

The final score was 14 to 10.

Transportation Loses to 53

Transportation lost another softball game last week to the powerful Ward 53 team. The game was played on the Oak Knoll diamond on Thursday the twenty-third.

Pitcher Garcia of the 53 squad held the Corpsmen down to four hits and eight runs as compared to his own team's ten hits and thirteen runs. The hitting was led by Center Fielder Gillihan with a single, a double and a triple. Polard of 53 and Rooker of Transportation each hit a home run.

It has been rumored that the Transportation squad is trying to set up a game with either the Waves or the Pediatric ward team.

Brig Outhits 53

The Ward 53 baseball team, after a winning streak of two weeks, succumbed to the strong hitting and accurate fielding of the Seaman Guard of the Brig. Highlight of the game was the triple by S1c Engle of the Brig. Final score was 9 to 3.

Wave Softball Team Set Back by Alameda

Last Thursday, the Oak Knoll Wave softball team donned their dungarees and set out for the Oakland Municipal Field to have it out with the representatives of Alameda.

For the first two innings the game looked pretty bleak for the Knollettes. In the third, Eileen Hayes, Elaine Hemenway, Louisa Clark and Ev Crowson all came across the plate followed by a home run by Fern Horine. Frankie Griffin then stepped up to the plate to knock out another four-sacker. The hard hitting Alameda team nevertheless continued to bring in a few runs each inning to wind up the game with the score 16 to 8.

One reason for the loss may have been the absence of Lt. Beth Hack, star of the previous game.

Lieut. Tappen Takes Local Singles Match

The Oak Knoll tennis tourney is slowly coming to an end with two of the matches already played off. Lt. (jg) K. Tappen walked away with the women's singles and the mixed doubles, teamed with HA1c R. H. Anderson.

Last weekend the hospital tennis team set out to play the Treasure Island racquet men, who, by the way, are the leading contenders in the District Tournament. The results were rather poor with T. I. taking most of the honors.

Sailor: I'm a little stiff from bowling.

Cutie: I only want to dance. I don't care where you come from.

Alleys and Pool Hall Demobilized

No longer the sharp click-clack-ing of pool balls or the thunderous roar of the bowling balls and pins, for after two years of faithful service, the bowling alleys and pool tables have been crossed off the list of available activities due to the loss of staff and customers.

In the spring of 1943, Mr. William Kyne, manager of the Bay Meadows race track, donated the sum of \$10,000 to the Welfare and Recreation Department to build and equip the bowling alleys and pool tables. The first ball was rolled by Captain Dearing in June of 1944, to start one of the most popular recreations of Oak Knoll personnel.

Since then, the alleys have seen many famous bowlers and billiard champs give exhibitions, besides the numerous local tournaments and leagues.

There will be an open house at the Red Cross Craft Shop, located in the Prevocational Building, on Tuesday, June 4. The hours will be 1500 to 1700 and 1900 to 2100. All the work completed there during the past month will be on exhibition. Refreshments will be served.

WOMEN IN WHITE

By Lt. Comdr. Mildred M. Morrison (NC) USN

Reported: Lt. Helen Rose, Lts. (jg) Olive Hurlock and Eva Mahr, and Ensigns Marie Coghlan, Mary Lyons, Ethel Lawson, Viola Littleken, Helen Lorvig, Margaret Larson, Irene Palmer, Hildegard Miller, June Jansen, Barbara Walker, and Jean Strecker.

Detached: Lt. Comdr. Florence Hayes, Lt. (jg) Eleanor Zukowski, and Ensign June Hardgrave.

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Two more nurses have announced their recent marriages: Lt. (jg) Claire Shubert and Ensign Hildegard Miller. Good luck and best wishes!

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There is an invitation on the bulletin board inviting all nurses who are interested to attend sewing classes conducted by Ensign Lydia Steinert. The first class was held May 24 and included one pupil from San Leandro. If you would like to learn to sew or need some help or encouragement on something you're attempting to make, come to the next class, Friday evening, June 7.

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Lt. (jg) Catherine Lucido recently returned from a thirty day convalescent leave spent in Detroit.

Athletic Field House Closes



Sp(A)1c F. A. Catalano issues the last gear from the athletic field-house. Temporarily, equipment may be drawn from the swimming pool.

For the past few years, the Oak Knoll field house has supplied athletic equipment to the many thousands who have passed through the hospital, not to mention those who regularly used the exercise room. Equipment was available for practically every sport including archery and badminton. It has been the place for the training of many celebrities, the latest being Chuck Crowell, the heavyweight boxer.

For the temporary exchange of an Identification Card, anyone ambitious for exercise could draw from a smiling Specialist A the equipment he wished, receiving the ID card on the return of the gear.

When the field house closed recently, a limited amount of equipment was moved to the swimming pool office, where it can now be drawn in the usual manner.

Oak Leaf's Issue Cut Down to Six Interesting Pages

In accord with demobilization, the *Oak Leaf* has reduced itself to six pages, retaining most of its articles in a more condensed form. From its humble beginning in November, 1942 as a little mimeographed paper, through its transformation into a printed bi-weekly in the spring of 1944, the *Oak Leaf* commenced as an eight page weekly in July of 1945. It then had a circulation of 5,000 due to the number of personnel at the hospital. As the number of discharges increased, the circulation was gradually cut down accordingly, to the present 3,000.

Off the Bookshelf

China—Ancient, vast and mysterious—has been the subject of many books published during recent years. Titles of that type which may be found on the library shelves include:

My Chinese Wife, by Eskelund. The sometimes hilarious, but always amusing adventures of a Danish correspondent and his Chinese wife.

The Black Rose, by Costain. The best-selling novel about an English nobleman who fought his way to the heart of the Mongol empire centuries ago.

China To Me, by Hahn. Frank account of the experiences of a newspaperwoman in the Orient from 1935 until her return on the Gripsholm in 1943.

Rickshaw Boy, by Shaw. Story of the difficulties to be faced by a boy attempting to live according to the traditional Chinese maxims while working in modern Peking.

Vigil of a Nation, by Lin Yutang. Well-known interpreter of Chinese people observes their attitudes and feelings after several years of war.

Shark's Fins and Millet, by Sues. Miscellaneous anecdotes and characterizations of the Chinese people as told by a foreign visitor.

Minor Heresies, by Espey. The son of a missionary shows subtle humor in these reminiscences of his childhood spent with Chinese children.

Dragon Seed, by Pearl Buck. Story of a farmer's family near Nanking just before the Japanese attack on that city.

The Small General, by Standish. Novel portraying the life of a silk-producing family up to the time of the Japanese attack on Shanghai.

Chiang Kai-Shek, by Chang. The biography of a world figure which helps the reader to a better understanding of this Chinese leader and his background.

China Among The Powers, by Rowe. Serious estimate of China's economic and political position in the post-war world.

Scuttlebutt

"Gentlemen, you have brought glory and fame to your hospital and have reflected credit upon the Corps, but before your time expires, return that ruptured duck, relinquish that discharge diploma and extend . . . extend . . . extend." But they refuse the gospel and are lost in a horizon of home towns, and into the arms of those who waited.

In memory of those who served, **Scuttlebutt** tunes in on a dramatic telephone conversation involving the Discharge Office and the various departments that house the repatriated.

"Hello, M.A.A. Shack, **I. D. Wheatley**, the only man who could match eyebrows with **John L. Lewis** and still retain the shadow of a fuzz, is eligible. Chief **Rowe** we've got to take your best man . . . yeah the B.T.O. **Louis Mandel** from Texas."

"Operator hook me up with the O.O.D. desk. I've got a reprieve for **Norbert Becker**, the fellow who worked in the bagroom with that two-fisted gal, **Sue Zachau**. And operator, I'm trying to locate **Allen Palmer** . . . think he's holding five cards in one hand and packing a sea bag with the other."

"Hello, Officers' Club? Tell **Bob Fricke** he can go home and clean his own pots and pans."

"Operator, connect me with the tennis court. What, no phone down at the tennis court? How will **Wayne Murphy** find out about this new civilian 'racket'."

"Op', ole girl, how 'bout the Pharmacy? **Mac Thorson** and **Walter Wendling** can peddle their pills elsewhere. They've accepted the terms. . . ."

"Operator, give me long distance . . . that's right . . . I'm calling **Jimmy Turecek** at Barracks 35. Lot of the boys will miss him. Yeah, he used to be in the V-12 program, a good Joe."

"Hello, is this **Oliver Kaspar** and **Herby Neinstadt**? This is the demobilization office. Yes, I'm fine . . . just wondering if you fellows would consider a couple of passports to civilian land. No . . . surgical gowns are not the uniform of the day in the outside world."

"Operator . . . would you . . . you would? . . . Well thanks . . . page **Jack Bohm** . . . yeah . . . that's right . . . **Bowling Ball Bohm**. And I'll tell **Billy Kibby** of the retirement plan the next time I need gas."

"Listen here, **Bob Lystra**, you've got to tear yourself away, your mother says to come home immediately. And tell **Wesley Hayek** his pension check is waiting for him down at the disbursing office . . . **Doris Ott**? No, she only gives away mustering out pay!!!"

"Thank you Operator . . . you can pull out your plug now!!!"

To buy..sell..rent

NOTICE: "The Oak Leaf" does not accept paid advertising. The following items are printed as a free service for the hospital's patients and staff. Deposit items in "The Oak Leaf" contribution box in the lobby of Ship's Service. Incidentally, it is NOT a mail box.

For Sale . . .

Atlas floor furnace. 3 years old. 32 B.U. will sell for \$45. See L. Ferris, Transportation dept. Disbursing Office.

Golf clubs. 5 irons, 3 woods. Fair condition. Price \$35. Call Lt. (jg) A. E. Thielen, Ward 51A or Internes' Quarters, 123.

Lost . . .

Cellophane filler containing driver's license, pictures and other identification. Please return to Post Office directory, Mrs. Jessie Black.

Blue Parker 51 fountain pen with gold cap. Lost near Bacteriology lab 23 May. \$10 reward. CPhM E. F. Schrader.

Small black wallet. If found please call the *Oak Leaf* editor at 150.

Will party who by mistake took my Navy raincoat from hat check room of Officers' Club Wednesday evening, 22 May, please contact Comdr. Lamont, Staff.

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NAVY WIVES ORGANIZE

Attention has been called to the Navy Wives' Club of America, Golden Gate Chapter 66 of San Francisco, Calif. All wives of enlisted personnel, from seamen and firemen up to and including chief warrant officers, are eligible to join this organization. Further information may be obtained from Mrs. Ostrander at Walnut 3125.



"Hey Swabbie, Lay Below on the Double an' Close Them Ports. Dog the Hatches Fore-'n'-Aft, an' Secure All Passageways!"



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Saturday, 8 June, 1946

Oak Knoll's Growth Shown In Picture Form

The Public Information Office announced this week that a pictorial history of Oak Knoll is being compiled for distribution to members of the staff and patients. This souvenir booklet is scheduled to be completed by the first of July and will commemorate the fourth anniversary of the hospital.

Under the guidance of Lt. Louise Dowlen, Miss Dorothy Thompson and PhM3c Charles Haynes, it will contain nearly fifty pages of pictures representing life at Oak Knoll during the past four years.

The manner of distribution will be announced later.

New Point System For Marine Male Reserve Personnel

Fatherhood will become a factor in discharge eligibility after 1 August, and the point system will be discontinued after 15 July under the new Marine Corps demobilization plan.

Under the schedule, points for male personnel will drop to 22 on 1 July and 20 on 15 July. Concurrently, 30 months of active service will establish discharge eligibility beginning 1 July.

On 1 August the length of service requirement will be cut to 24 months, and simultaneously all fathers with two or more dependent children will qualify for separation regardless of time in the service.

On 1 September the length of service requirement will drop to 18 months, and fathers of one or more dependent children, with more than twelve-months of active service, qualify.

The new schedule will affect more than 40,000 men. By 15 July the point system will have completed its purpose of providing an equitable consideration for discharge of veterans with overseas and combat service.

Staff Replies to Emergency Request for Blood Donors

No Points for V-12 Docs and Dentists

Of vital interest to many doctors and dentists in both the Navy and Army is a change in medical personnel status dispatched recently from Washington. The Navy's policy on the present shortage of medical men is stated in Alnav-281, promulgated to all commands by the Secretary of the Navy.

No Release For V-12s

Alnav-281 declares that because a critical shortage of commissioned medical personnel "certain Naval Medical Officers who are graduates of the V-12 Training Program and Naval Dental Officers who were educated wholly or in part by the Government will no longer be released to inactive duty under present demobilization procedures."

"This provision covers all Naval Reserve Medical Officers who are graduates of V-12, and who were or will be ordered to active commissioned duty on or after 1 March, 1946, on completion of internship (either civilian or Navy). It also covers all Naval Reserve Dental Officers who were educated as members of either V-12 or A.S.T.P., and who have not completed three years active duty as Dental Officers."

No Relief Soon

As far as the Navy and Army Medical Corps are concerned, the shortage of such qualified men has now reached the critical point, and is expected to last for a matter of years. In fact, the Alnav goes on to state glumly that "present requirements make it necessary to retain such Medical Officers on active duty for a period of two years after completion of Internship, and such Dental Officers for a period of three years after reporting to duty as Dental Officers." One bright note which is included in the generally unhappy situation is that the shortage may be alleviated in the future. Says the Alnav, "It is anticipated that the needs of the service in the future may permit a reduction of this period."

One of the busiest activities on the compound these days is the Blood Bank. Almost any night you can find Jerry Lackner and "Red" Harrington down there burning the midnight oil in the Bank's little laboratory, cross-matching blood and preparing it for the next day's transfusions. Donations on the compound have soared from 10 in April to 56 during May.

Last Monday night an emergency call came through all the hospital staff's barracks for donors with type "O" blood. Two operations were scheduled for Surgery Tuesday morning and there wasn't enough of type "O" to cover the possible need.

Dr. Anderson offered his services to examine volunteers, but the OOD provided a doctor, and he had a busy time with the 11 volunteers, all but one of whom were Waves and nurses. Five Corpswaves, Mary Ellen Hannington, Delores Vigil, Marian Hannigan, Nancy Douglas and Theresa Goldenberg, sacrificed part of a liberty evening to heed the call.

Of the willing nurses, Lt. (jg) Bradford and Ens. Ackley helped examine the donors, and Miss Ackley found that hers was type "O" and gave a pint as well. Other nurses seen sipping coffee after the "ordeal" were Ens. C. L. Struckmeyer, Lt. (jg) Nina Klemenok, Lieut. H. T. Corotto and Lt. (jg) C. H. Smith.

We are sorry to relate that only one male donor showed up. This brave customer was HA2c M. E. Coughemnowar.

The reason the staff at the Blood Bank are so anxious to lay away a large reserve of whole blood is made apparent in this recent emergency. If you care to prevent this from happening in the future, a call for an appointment is all that is necessary.

More of the recent donors, those between 28 May and 4 June, include Misses Millar and Petterson of the Red Cross; Ens. L. L. Ogrohin; Pharmacist Mates third class Mae Taylor, G. E. Krupke and Lewis Roberts; CMM J. C. Harris; and B. L. Chambers, civilian.

Oak Knoll to Be Inspected By Adm. Owens

Commencing on or about 17 June, Oak Knoll will be the object of a four or five day inspection by Rear Admiral John P. Owens (MC) USN, District Medical Officer. The inspection will consist of an extensive tour of the various wards, departments and barracks. He will also witness many of the medical techniques in practice at the hospital, and interview both staff and patients.

Admiral Owens came to the 12th Naval District as District Medical Officer on 1 April to replace Admiral Laning who retired to civilian life. Prior to his present duty, Admiral Owens was District Medical Officer of the 3rd Naval District.

This will be his first visit to Oak Knoll.

USN Men Urged to Apply for Rates In Electronics

In a directive received from Washington, an urgent appeal has been made to Regular Navy men with more than two years to serve, to enter training as Electronic Technicians. The new weapons perfected and under development by the Navy require a large number of men with an intimate knowledge of the operation of these devices.

Those men who are accepted for this specialized training will be put through intensive training for a year in Radio Material school and will graduate as third or second class Electronic Technician's Mates and Aviation Electronic Technician's Mates.

Reservists who are considering joining the Regular Navy can find no more well-trained or respected branch of duty than the ultra-modern specialty of electronics. Transfer requests for Hospital Corps personnel will be forwarded to the Bureau of Personnel through the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

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• It Was Only Two Years Ago

The stillness was broken by the steady churning of waves against the bow and the monotonous thudding of the engines. The entire picture was grey—the sky, the boats, the water. It was like an overcast morning anywhere in the United States, only quieter. It wouldn't have been so quiet, however, if the nerves and hearts of the men huddled on these LC's were able to make sounds. The beach was now in sight. It was also grey, blending with the rest of the scene. Only an occasional whitecap from a breaking wave would interrupt the immobility of the picture. . . .

This was the War to Save Civilization from widespread destruction and subjugation by fascist megalomaniacs. It was to bring a long, if not permanent, period of freedom from worry and misery. . . . Today a few selfless men are doing their utmost to insure international cooperation and felicity, but under the velvet words are the steel claws of alert nations, fearful of a sudden disastrous blow from any potential enemy. Another Pearl Harbor attack would not merely sink elements of our fleet—it would decimate the population of the area under attack, with atomic bombs or perhaps a more devastating biological weapon.

Every man was expecting it, yet it had the same effect as a complete surprise. The still grey picture had burst into a cubistic maelstrom of blinding flashes and smoke. The once peaceful beach with its breaking waves was now littered with men and machinery, criss-crossing like a colony of angry ants. It was again for some, a deeper quiet than they had ever known. They were hanging over the sides of the boats, or sprawled on the decks or half-buried in the sand of the beach in every conceivable position. . . .

A few weeks ago a truculent, spider-browed labor leader plunged the nation into complete industrial stagnation. By his word alone, thousands quit work in the country's largest industry, the one which not only keeps most of our other industries functioning but also keeps light and heat in most of America's homes.

They had wondered in their last moments of thought why they were there, why they had been taken from their jobs in the Dakota fields, the Pennsylvania mines, the factories of Massachusetts. There had been months of physical hardening, months of classroom work and many days of simulated landings. They knew that all this training was for some theoretical date in the future, known to them only as D-Day. . . .

They knew they were there to defend a way of life called democracy. They weren't entirely sure of the meaning of the word, but they thought they had an idea of what it stood for—the freedom they had at home to get up in the town hall and voice their political views, to worship at the church of their choice, to choose their job and quit when they felt like it.

Now that these men, who were willing to risk everything at Omaha Beach and at St. Lo, are on the way home, it is up to us—to them—to take an active part in our government, to see that honest and sincere people are given the power to march under the banners of unselfishness and common sense.

In Honor of Those Who Died



Oak Knoll on Memorial Day, 1946.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

ALTHOUGH the military war has ceased, the spiritual combat continues. . . . The same rules for military strategy must apply in our struggles against the powers of darkness. . . . There can be no fraternizing with evil. . . .

BUT men who would not for a moment tolerate collaboration with an enemy seem blind to the danger of compromising with sin. . . .

STRANGE how inconsistent and illogical some are . . . they are ruthless towards the enemy of the flag, but nilly-willy when it comes to standing on one's own feet for Christ. . . .

HOW illogical to insist on one's being well equipped for battle, but defenseless against the wiles of Satan. . . .

ONE would not be contaminated with enemy's propaganda, but will foolishly expose oneself to suggestive and immoral reading! . . .

CHRIST said, "Heaven suffers violence, and the violent bear it away." It will never be won by those who are not fearless in the pursuit of eternal salvation. . . .

THERE must not be any AWOL's from the service of God; there must not be any desertion, for Christ has aptly said, "But he that shall deny me before men, I will also deny him before my Father who is in heaven. . . ."

WE must not only be willing to die for Christ (often that is the easier part) but we must LIVE for Him, and that brings conflict, but "Heaven suffers violence, and the violent bear it away."

FATHER JOHN P. GRIFFIN

Divine Services

Protestant: Chaplains—E. C. Andrews, J. A. Talley, W. F. Summers, J. L. Zerwas. Sunday— Morning Service 1000 Communion Service 1100 Evening Vespers 1930 Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800. Choir—Tuesday & Thursday, 1400-1500. Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1. Christian Science: War-time minister will be at the reception office in the Chapel every Tuesday at 1400 to 1600. L. D. S. (Mormon): Services 1930 Thursday.	Catholic: Chaplains—Nicholas F. Gruber, J. P. Griffin. Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130. Weekday Mass—0800 and 1630. Confessions before all Masses. Novena and Benediction, 1630 Tuesday. Catholic Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1. Jewish: Divine Service—2000 Friday, conducted by Mr. Bernard Miran. The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1900 to 2000 on Fridays.
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Little Separation Center Located Topside of Oak Knoll's Building 132



Before you receive that medical discharge it must be cleared through the Discharge Office located on the second deck of Building 132. Above, G. W. Lindahl, Lt. W. C. Hawke, S. A. Billings and D. E. Busse prepare the final papers for a recent group of dischargees.

So you are going to get a medical discharge? You won't even have to leave the hospital grounds, for the entire process is accomplished right here on the compound. You can walk right through the gate with the "duck" on your uniform and your pocket padded with green.

It all starts on the ward itself when the doctor considers the patient well enough as far as medical care is concerned and not capable of active duty. The ex-patient then appears before the Medical Survey Board to determine the type of survey and have it approved.

Then the Discharge Office comes into the picture. Occupying rooms on the upper deck of Building 132, this office serves as the terminal for military service. Here the future veteran not only has all his records brought up to date and closed, but also is initiated into the problems of civilian life. The most prominent function of the office is the Civil Readjustment Program, since it engrosses most of the processes of discharging.

The dischargee first attends a lecture on the rights and benefits of the veteran. He then has an appointment with the Educational Services Officer to discuss his civilian educational problems. Next there is an interview with the Civilian Readjustment Interviewer. This man talks over the many remaining problems of conversion, including employment questions, pension claims, insurance problems, and Civil Service and Veteran's Administration information. He may refer the dischargee to the various representatives of these departments and agencies in the hospital for further information. If the dischargee desires to file a claim for a pension, he does so to the Red Cross representative who refers it to the Discharge Office.

The actual date of the discharge itself is given at least four days

in advance, during which time the records are officially closed. They are then sent to the Disbursing Office where the final pay is drawn. The "duck" may be sewed on during this interval. The veteran is then free to leave the compound after drawing the first installment of his mustering out pay.

The office is under the jurisdiction of Lt. W. C. Hawke (HC) USN, who is assisted by Pharmacist Mates third class D. E. Busse, S. A. Billings and G. W. Lindahl. PhM3c W. J. Bowman is the Civilian Readjustment Interviewer.

New Information On Rehab. Leaves

To be granted rehabilitation leave, enlisted personnel returning from overseas for reassignment by fleet commanders must satisfy one of the following conditions:

- Be ineligible for immediate separation but anticipating eligibility prior to 1 July.
- Have left continental U.S. prior to 1 June 1945 and not have had rehabilitation leave.
- Be entitled to combined rehabilitation-reenlistment leave for enlistment, reenlistment or extension of enlistment.

Men who are not entitled to rehabilitation leave and who do not qualify for immediate separation will be redistributed where required by ComWesSeaFron or ComServLant.

Rehabilitation leave accrues only for a period of continuous service outside U.S. Sea duty in continental waters is not applicable.

Doctor of the Week

Lt. (jg) Livingston Kept Busy In Neurosurgical Wards

A doctor with an enviable past and a brilliant future is Lt. (jg) Kenneth Livingston (MC), USNR. For the past 21 months this not yet 32-year-old surgeon has demonstrated his versatility and skill in both branches of the neurological service at this hospital.

As a member of Capt. William K. Livingston's peripheral nerve staff he has helped to restore the use of many patient's limbs through painstaking study and expert surgery. Until February of this year he occasionally assisted Dr. Francis K. Bradford in performing operations on patients with injuries to the central nervous system (head and spine).

When Dr. Bradford left Oak Knoll, Drs. Ken Livingston and Edward Davis (now discharged) took over his work. Since May first the young Dr. Livingston has headed the department. At the same time he continues his work at the peripheral nerve clinic.

In September of 1944 Dr. Ken Livingston came here with a background of training and experience acquired on both the east and west coasts.

Having taken his pre-med course at Stanford, he attended Harvard Medical School for three years, graduating in 1939. After a year of research work in Boston for the Harvard Medical School, he returned to Stanford for two years of surgical training. From there he went to Rochester, New York, as resident neurological surgeon at Strong Memorial Hospital. Two months later when the chief of surgery joined the Army Medical Corps, Dr. Livingston went to the Lahey Clinic in Boston for two years of neurological training.

Dr. Livingston expected to be called to active duty in the Navy Medical Corps after one year at the Lahey Clinic, but the Navy requested that he complete the full two years in order to qualify as a neurosurgeon.

Commissioned in January, 1944, he finished his training there and was assigned to active duty here eight months later.

Commenting on the Oak Knoll neurological service, Dr. Ken Livingston has this to say: "I believe this is the only clinic in the country in which peripheral nerves have been segregated as a single problem for observation and treatment. I'm sure this has meant not only a greater understanding and knowledge of all the problems they present, but most important—definitely better results for patients.

"It is the sort of organization that someone like Dr. William K. Livingston might dream up, but which just couldn't be expected ever to happen. In my opinion Capt. Dearing, Capt. Livingston and Dr. Bradford have built one of



Lt. (jg) Ken Livingston

the greatest military neurosurgical establishments in history. I think it is the greatest—but then I may be prejudiced."

As an undergraduate at Stanford Dr. Livingston was intensely interested in politics, biology and the many social problems caused by a decade of depression. For a time he considered the possibility of teaching, but later convinced himself that medicine offered an equally fine opportunity to contribute to social advancement.

Two years before he graduated from Harvard Medical School he married Katherine Smith. They have two children, Bruce, six, and Lisa, four.

Dr. Livingston's hobby is his family. His wife is interested in raising dogs and writing stories for children. (Four months ago Lassie, their pet collie, had a litter of nine puppies.) Bruce devotes much spare time to bringing up a crew of salamanders.

When he is discharged in July, Dr. Ken Livingston will return to the Lahey Clinic as a member of the neurosurgery staff.

Sec Nav Appoints Local Woman To Naval Board

Mrs. Grace W. Morley, Director of the San Francisco Museum of Art, was one of the three women named to the 58-person Navy Civilian Advisory Committee by Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal. The fundamental aim of the committee, the first of its kind in the United States Naval History, is to advise the Navy on matters of policy and program dealing with the non-military phases of a service man's life. Other 12th Naval District appointees were Paul C. Smith, editor, San Francisco "Chronicle" and Palmer Hoyt, publisher, the Denver "Post."

Wac Band Gives Outdoor Concert

Last of the WAC bands in existence and the first to play here brought an hour's outstanding entertainment to Oak Knoll patients on 29 May. The amphitheater crowd was small, but its enthusiasm lasted long after Warrant Officer Marybelle Nissley had put away her baton.

These 36 Army women, recruited from almost that many states, form the 400th ASF Band, which includes the remnants of four large WAC bands that toured the Army camps in this country during the war years. They came to San Francisco's Port of Embarkation in October, after spending two years "playing men out" of New York Harbor and "playing others in" as army transports brought them home. Now, men from the Pacific hear their first non-canned music when these khaki-clad musicians board the official "welcome-home boat" and ride out to greet them.

Popular numbers on the program here were the stirring "El Capitan" march, "Begin the Beguine," "Oh, What it Seemed to Be," and "Tiger Rag."

This was the WAC band's first appearance at a Bay Area military hospital and one of the last since a majority of the girls are eligible for discharge this month.

Well Known Artist To Sketch at Knoll

Bernadine Rider, celebrated Los Angeles artist and portrait painter, is scheduled to visit Oak Knoll from June 17 to 22. Miss Rider is currently making a tour of Army and Navy hospitals throughout the country, sketching hospitalized servicemen.

Brought here through the efforts of the Welfare and Recreation department, Miss Rider will visit the wards, where she will draw life-size portraits of patients. The original sketch will be sent to New York where it will be photostated and then with several photostatic copies will be sent to any address the patient desires.

Miss Rider studied at the Chouinard Art School in Los Angeles and is on leave of absence from the Los Angeles Sacred Heart Academy where she is an art instructor. Her sketches and drawings are used freely in the Los Angeles Tidings, for which she is a free-lance artist.

Sailor: "Do you think kissing is unhealthy?"

Wave: "I couldn't say. I've never been."

Sailor: "You've never been kissed?"

Wave: "I've never been sick."

"Say, you folks got a bottle opener?"

"No, he joined the Navy."

Variety Frolic Staged Yesterday

The hilarious variety stage show "Have Fun" was presented to an appreciative Oak Knoll audience last night in the hospital theater.

The fun-filled frolic was introduced by master comedian Bobby Henshaw. In addition to his subtle wit, Bobby entertained with numerous ukulele selections, several inimitably comic songs and imitations of an amazing variety of sounds, both animal and mechanical.

The vocal spotlight was held by the three "cheerful little earfuls" from Chicago, the Slick Chicks, and Monti and Lyons, who presented "Hits of the Day."

Ginny Carta, ace tap dancer, and Sid and Bonnie Dean, comedy dance team, drew many cheers from the highly receptive crowd.

Sweet melodies were supplied by accordionist Joan Arend, while Naomi Ray and Eddie Harrison romped their way through several comedy acts.

Al Castle, the world's only monoped cyclist, gave a breathtaking performance of unexcelled skill and dexterity.

The musical background for "Have Fun" was provided by mello music man Harry Davis who interrupted a successful musical career in Hollywood to provide the rhythmic interpolations for the show.

Bowling Alleys, Pool Hall Open

Again the click-clacking of pool balls and the thunder of rolling bowling balls can be heard from behind the Ship's Service building. The bowling alleys, which were supposedly demobed last week, have reopened; the new hours are from 1700 to 2100, Monday through Thursday, and possibly on Friday also.

As has always been the case, there is a demand for pin-setters. The pay for setting a line is ten cents. Anyone with a spare evening who is eager to earn some additional money may drop in at any time.

Rabbi Saul White Guest Speaker at Knoll Service

On Friday evening, 31 May, Rabbi Saul E. White of San Francisco was the guest speaker at the Jewish religious services in the hospital chapel.

Rabbi White, according to Bernard Miran, hospital representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board who visits Jewish patients at Oak Knoll, is a graduate of the Jewish Institute of Religion and of New York University. He has been the spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom of San Francisco for the past 11 years.

Coming Attractions



DOROTHY LAMOUR FRED MACMURRAY BETTY HUTTON
with DIANA LYNN
"And The Angels Sing"

MIMI CHANDLER - A Paramount Picture
Saturday, 8 June

"SUSPENSE"

Belita - Barry Sullivan
Sunday, 9 June



Monday, 10 June



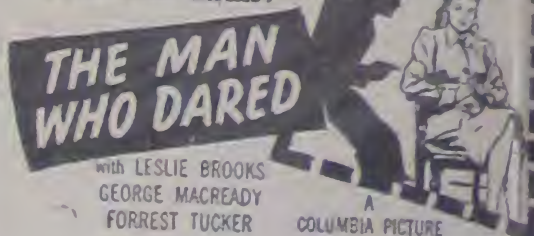
ERNEST LUBITSCH'S PRODUCTION OF
Cluny Brown
with PETER LAWFORD
Produced and Directed by ERNEST LUBITSCH
20th CENTURY-FOX

Tuesday, 11 June

"MURDER IS MY BUSINESS"

Hugh Beaumont - Cheryl Walker
Wednesday, 12 June

Sensational thrills!



Thursday, 13 June

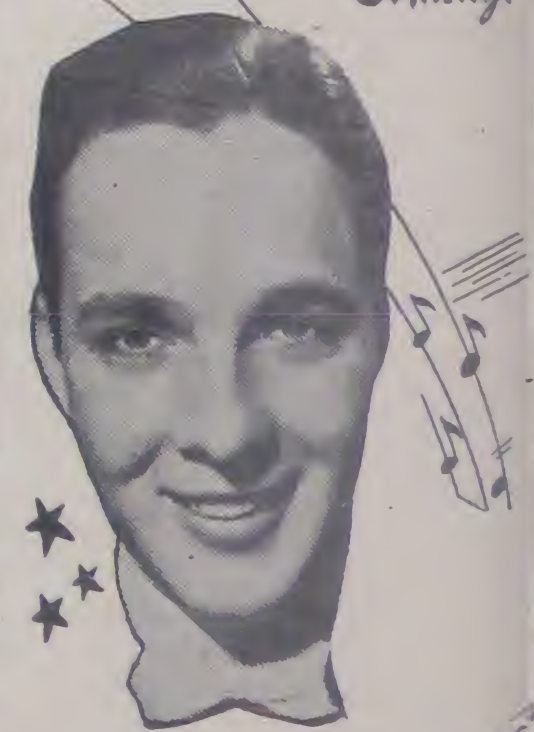
"ONE MORE TOMORROW"

Dennis Morgan - Ann Sheridan
Friday, 14 June



Saturday, 15 June

The BOB CATS
Are
Coming!



PRESENTS

BOB CROSBY
AND HIS ORCHESTRA

IN PERSON

The Welfare and Recreation Department announced yesterday that Bob Crosby will bring his "Modern Dixieland Music" to Oak Knoll on Monday, June 17. Another popular All Hands Dance is scheduled for 2000 in the auditorium and will be preceded by a stage show at 1500 in the amphitheater.

The Sporting Scene



Despite the effects of rapid demobilization the Waves softball team is still managing to claim a high position in the District Softball League. Back row, left to right: Jeanette Cragel, Walma Hakkila, Mary Croom, Evelyn Crowson, Fern Horine (team captain) and Ens. Clark. Front row: Eileen Hayes, Frankie Griffin, Chris Kamaras, Elaine Hemenway.

San Leandro, Brig and Staff Docs Bow to Ward 53 Team

A glance at the two squads before the game would certainly sway all the odds to the San Leandro Corpsmen softball team. The HA's and Pharmacist Mates were be-
ecked in gaudy uniforms and hats, some even wore cleats. They ran onto the field like a profes-
sional club, amidst a lot of pep-
talk and hooting.

Then came the Oak Knoll Ward 53 squad dressed in everything that can be bought at small stores. The "Limp Gimps" as they are better known, surpassed the San Leandro team in spirit, but were a little slower in warming up, for some had to both catch the ball and throw it with the same hand while others had difficulty in get-
ting around.

The end of the first inning saw the Gimps trailing by 3 to 0. Neither team scored in the second. In the third, Pollard drove in Hawkland and Davis to tie the score at three each. Both teams scored in the fourth to make it four up. San Leandro took a one run lead in the fifth by a fluke play.

It all happened in the sixth. Os-
borne started the ball rolling with a clean single; Davis and Pollard were then walked to load the bases. Slugger McGee stepped to the plate and drove out a mighty home-run. The rest of the team then followed suit to bring in 13 tallies in all.

The final score was 17 to 6.

The Ward 53 "Limp Gimps" won another last week, this time over a team composed of Staff Doc-
tors. The game was fairly close with the Limp Gimps leading by a slight margin all the way.

The first inning saw the 53 squad tee off with three coming across homeplate, home-runs being hit by both Hallam and Rae. The Staff Docs then brought in two for them-
selves, Foley and Smith hitting singles.

The Limp Gimps tallied five times in the second, followed by three runs by the Medicos. The game proceeded uneventful from there on, the final score was 13 to 9.

Pfc. McGee of the Gimps led the hitting with a double and a pair of singles out of three times at bat, followed by Rae with a homer and a single for three trips to the plate.

Three days later, it was the 53 "Limp Gimps" again; this time over the Brig Guards. Two weeks before the victory went the other way when the 53 squad bowed to the Brig team 9 to 3.

By the end of the first inning the 53 team was in the lead by six runs to the Brig's none. In the third and fourth they tallied six more times.

McGee and Rae of the Limp Gimps led the hitting with three for five each. Credit for the over-
whelming victory should be given for the most part to Pitcher Garcia of the 53 team. The final score was 19 to 3.

Red Cross Ramblings

May and June birthday men of 40A and B were the honorees and "candle blowers" last Friday af-
ternoon. After the ARC Recrea-
tion Worker and Gray Ladies had served the cake, the men had op-
portunity to demonstrate their in-
genuity and mathematical ability by solving the peg problems of Chinese Solitaire. "Candle blow-
ers" included: Lt. Martin Donovan, Lt. Oscar Holmes, Ens. Warren Kaufman, Lt. Don McLead of 40A, Lt. (jg) Tyler Norton, Lt. (jg) Wal-
ter Peterson, Lt. Claude Wright of 40B.

Members of the sightseeing club of wards 43A and B this past Thursday went to see how other species of the animal kingdom get along in captivity by visiting the Fleishhacker Zoo in Golden Gate Park. This is the fifth trip this group has made, and each one is better than the last. On 14 June the group will forsake sightseeing and spend the day in the home of Mrs. Eggleston, the lady who is re-
sponsible for the many recordios and phonographs being used in the hospital. A fishing trip in the near future for wards 43A and B is being planned.

"Would you mind placing that table over in the corner . . . no, a little to the left . . . just a bit this

way . . . now, that is fine!" That is how you might hear the patients in the Red Cross Craft Shop as they are arranging the new craft shop reading corner. This spot isn't much like a library corner, what with the banging and pounding and buzzing all day going on in the craft shop, but it consists of a few comfortable chairs, a davenport, and two bookcases, where patients and staff may come down and read up on their favorite crafts or art fields.

It is hoped the patients of this hospital will have as much enjoy-
ment reading in this corner as the ARC has had planning and ar-
ranging it for them. You are al-
ways welcome in the Red Cross Craft Shop, topside Building 102.

Direct from the Cirque Room of the Fairmont Hotel in San Fran-
cisco, and from Sally Rand's club came the A.F.E.C. ward entertain-
ers on 62A, 63B and 64B last week. This new group, coming to the compound for the first time, was thoroughly enjoyed by all patients. The three Nob Hill boys, playing violin, guitar and accordion, and Sally Rand's blues singer, Doris De Nelt, played and sang request numbers ranging from "Turkey in the Straw" to "Tales of Vienna Woods."



"AFTER SIX MONTHS WARD DUTY THEY DECIDED I NEEDED A REST—SO THEY MADE ME AN M. A. A."

Oak Knoll Takes to the Sea at Stockton Regatta



One hundred and fifty Oak Knoll patients were the honored guests at the 16th Annual Stockton Regatta held last Sunday. The veteran's cruise was sponsored by the Coast Guard Auxiliary under the direction of Commander W. A. Bader. The patients enjoyed a full day of boat races, aquatic events, afternoon cruises and a delicious smorgasbord dinner.

Reenlistment Possible Before End of Hitch

The Staff Personnel Office received an ALNAV this week which authorizes all commands to discharge enlisted regular Navy men who are within three months of expiration of enlistment and who will immediately re-enlist.

This authorization is granted in the interest of timeliness of replacement personnel for the Pacific and is intended to permit a readjustment of enlistment contracts of short time personnel. It is planned to have all short term enlistment contracts of regular Navy men extended by 20 August when the last increment of enlisted reserve personnel will be separated.

Scuttlebutt

Al Donahue raised his violin bow, stamped three times on the floor and his **15 Donahuvians** gave out with **Oak Knoll's** festival anthem, "It was just a hospital dance, that's all that it was; but oh, what it seemed to be." The dance was on.

But who were the socialiters, who was with who, who did it—who didn't???

Dotti Mosser did it with a ruddy red-faced redhead named "**Chuck**" **Fagan**.

Millie White did it with an anonymous.

"**Chuck**" **Samples** offered his toes to the peds of **Pat Kirkpatrick**—they did it.

Betty Johnson was lobbying cozily throughout the musicana with a beau and his duck. **Betty** didn't do it very often.

Tommy Simmons, a present from Shoemaker, did it with five or six gentlemen in blue.

Owen Anderson tried to do it but gave up and chased fleeting rainbow-colored dots.

Charlie Grebe had to do it on the sly with his wife 'cause he was an MAA.

"**Mac**" **McDonald** paced the dance floor searching for someone to do it with.

"**Booty**" **Hicks** tried doing it with the best of them.

Don Kelly did it better than most with a disbursing office civvie.

Florence Larsen wouldn't even try it. She did it once before and was awfully embarrassed.

"**Irish**" **O'Brien** wanted to do it but had the duty on the Wave ward.

Al Donahue would have done it but was indisposed.

To buy..sell..rent

Lost . . .
Near Ship's Service on June 5, Black Parker 51 pen with silver top. Reward. Contact Glen Russell, Ward 41B.

One pair blue framed coquette glasses. If found, please return to Mr. Canavan, Civilian Personnel Office.

For Sale . . .
Radio—Emerson model. Excellent condition. Reasonable price. Phone Ext. 247.

Remington "Three-some" electric razor with additional equipment. See Glynn Hubba, Ward 41B.

For Rent . . .
Room for rent. Housekeeping privileges. Five minutes to Oak Knoll. Woman preferred. Contact Mrs. P. Mart, Ship's Service.

WOMEN IN WHITE

By Lt. Comdr. Mildred M. Morrison (NC) USN

Reported: Ensigns Luella Baxter, Mavis Kelly, Janet Lester, and Rosemary Lyden from USNH, Shoemaker, Calif.

Detached: Lt. Comdr. Hazel Esary to USN Dispensary, Roosevelt Base, Terminal Island, Calif. Lts. (jg) Claire Dooley and Elinor Dooley to USNH, Chelsea, Mass. To civil life: Lt. Comdr. Alice Howell, Lt. Helen Allen, Lts. (jg) Virginia Wleczyk, Marion Brennfleck, Frances Degatis, Ila Heinke, Ruth Jackson, Jesse Fraser, Elva Wertman, K. J. Garbinski, Lulu Williams, Katherine Hacker, Lola Wallace, Monica Wersackas, Marjorie Kane, Joan Nordling, Rita Weckenman, Faith Erb, Elizabeth Burrus, Arlene Rebuck, and Gertrude Shea, and Ensigns Ruth Klugh and Martha Oravec.

How many of the nurses heard Miss McNamara's request for type "O" blood donors last Monday? We sincerely hope that the Corps was well represented. If you haven't already contributed your pint, how about doing it now?

Lt. Susie I. Tanner has returned from convalescent leave spent at her home in Lithonia, Ga.

Several of the nurses have been participating in the Vocational Arts department sponsored by the Red Cross. They have made tooled leather purses, and hand-blocked prints, also various articles out of plastic, such as fruit and flower bowls, candlestick holders, and coasters.

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Terminal Leave Pay For Enlisted Men Approved by House

The House of Representatives passed and sent to the Senate last Tuesday legislation providing past and present enlisted men and women pay for leave time they did not receive while in service.

The legislation sets as standard, two and a half days of leave time each month and permits the accumulation of not more than 120 days for which payment must be made in cash.

Payments are computed at the rate of base pay received at the time of discharge, plus allowances of not less than 70 cents a day. House military committee members have estimated approximately 15,000,000 service people would receive an average of \$250 under the legislation.

Personnel already discharged would be paid immediately upon their own certification that they are entitled to payments.

Hospital Patients To Be Honor Guests At Local Ball Game

Followers of the great American pastime, baseball, will have an unexcelled chance to watch two Coast League teams battle on the diamond Saturday, June 29. Five hundred patients from Oak Knoll have been invited to watch the Seattle Rainiers and the Oakland Athletics play. Everything will be in the house—free admission, free hot dogs, free drinks and free transportation.

Co-sponsored by the Welfare and Recreation Department, the American Red Cross and the Oakland Ball Club, the outing was organized by J. Walter "The Great" Mails. Mails, long an outstanding baseball personality on the Coast, was a former Major League pitcher and a winner in the 1922 World Series.

This outing is being offered to Oak Knoll and to other Service Hospitals in the area.

In addition to the game, fans will see Jimmy Price, the great baseball comedian.

Transportation to and from the ball park in Emeryville will be furnished for all who wish to attend.

Modern Dixieland Music by Crosby and His Bobcats, Coming to Oak Knoll Monday



Bob Crosby

The Big Noise from Winnetka, Bob Crosby and his gang of Music Makers will blow into Oak Knoll's Auditorium Monday evening, 17 June, and swirl the dance minded around the floor with their zephyrous melodies.

Back, and in big time again after 14 months as a lieutenant in the Marine Corps, Bob and his famous toe tapping band, under the sponsorship of the Welfare and Recreation Department, will be host at a show in the Amphitheater at 1500. Later they will amaze and amuse at an All Hands Dance beginning at 2000 in Ship's Service Auditorium.

Radio listeners have been hearing the Bob Crosby show on a national network currently. Always a great showman, he returns with a band of ace instrumentalists featuring Bonnie Lou Williams as his vocalist.

In addition to being a top flight showman and band leader, Bob is an eminent vocalist in his own right. In fact his first job was as a vocalist with Anson Weeks at the age of 16. In 1935 he organized the famous "Bobcats" and in 1938 they hit the big time with a long engagement at the Blackhawk in Chicago.

Movie goers of a few years back will remember Bob Crosby in such well known shows as "Let's Make Music," "Presenting Lily Mary," "As Thousands Cheer," "See Here, Private Hargrove," "Kansas City Kitty," and "Meet Miss Robert Stocking."

Bob's biggest hit was a novelty tune which he introduced, "The Big Noise from Winnetka." It sold over two million records. Another of his best was "Buckle Down Winssocki" featured in "As Thousands Cheer."

His secret ambition is to play the lead in a film depicting the life, trials and tribulations of a modern band leader. If he couldn't lead a band Bob Crosby would be a lawyer.

During his 14 months in South Pacific combat zones he organized and presented a number of shows for audiences in the foxhole circuit. He has been widely accredited for work over there.

Postwar Navy to Make Full Use of Atomic Discoveries

"The Navy has no time to lose in adopting atomic power for surface ships and particularly submarines," according to Rear Admiral H. G. Bowen, USN, Chief of the Office of Research and Inventions.

Dismissing the possibility of miraculous transformation of atomic energy into power, the Admiral stated that the heat from atomic fission will be used to make steam, which will drive turbines or reciprocating engines exactly as it does now.

With elimination of boilers and associated auxiliaries as well as thousands of tons of fuel oil, bottoms of ships can be materially strengthened by using thicker

plate, the whole hull structure can be made stronger and armor can be more generally used, he said. This will render ships less vulnerable to attack by atomic and other forms of bombing.

Admiral Bowen explained that turbines will be completely redesigned to obtain the greatest amount of horsepower per pound of turbine since economy of fuel no longer will be a consideration. Increases in speed will tend to reduce the possibility of effective bombings.

Increased speed and radius of action possible from the use of nuclear energy will make the submarine a major combatant unit in a distinct class by itself, he said.

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Let Them Speak

The House of Representatives and Congress have, in the past few weeks, been batting back and forth the teen-age draft bill. This issue has initiated many debates throughout the entire country, creating an almost evenly disputed question.

On the one hand, we have the high-ranking officers of the services. They perceive the necessity of maintaining at all times a fairly large number of men in military training. Keeping the draft age at eighteen would provide this number immediately. But even more important is the fact that an eighteen-year-old can be more easily trained than an older man. He is more capable of physical improvement. Mentally he is more alert for that type of training received in the military. The teen-ager can adjust himself more easily to change from the civilian to the regimented life. It is even more convenient for him, since at eighteen he would have just graduated from high school and not in the middle of college or at the start of a career.

On the other hand, there are those who object to this teen-age draft. This group is composed of people who are more interested in their own selfishness than in the protection of the nation itself. This collection of narrow-minded citizens is similar to those who back in 1940 and '41 formed the isolationist group who so inhibited our international policies. To be more specific, this group is composed, for the most part, of the families of eligible and future-eligible teen-year-olds who do not wish their young possessions to be snatched from their cradles and put in uniform. The representatives of these people realize the potential vote value of "Mom" and "Pop," and therefore, to insure another group of years in Washington, have to vote against the bill.

It is rather peculiar that the two factions which are fighting for and against the bill are not concerned directly by the matter. The ones, that is, the eighteen-year-olds, who are really the focal point of the entire issue, have no say in the matter whatsoever. One of the principal points brought up by the objectors to the bill is that a teen-ager is not old enough to withstand the pressure brought upon him by the military. We have learned in our experiences that boys of this age may be a little more playful on duty and in the barracks, nevertheless, they are sufficiently matured to undergo the comparatively strict discipline to which they are subjected. A sailor or a marine who is either eighteen or nineteen has no question in his mind that he is old enough for the training which he is undergoing.

If a civilian youth just under the draft age were to be interviewed as to when he wished to enter the service, he would probably answer that he preferred to don the uniform as soon as possible. He would not want to go to college and then be yanked out for a year or two of training, nor would he wish to venture off on a career and be suddenly interrupted.

It is our suggestion that each youth on reaching the age of eighteen should be given his choice as to whether he should commence his military training at eighteen, nineteen, or twenty.

Mutual Consideration

The Navy is unique in that each man picks up after another. Each piece of paper dropped by us will be picked up by someone else while we pick up their refuse. It's a shame that we don't consider our shipmates and they us, so neither would have to do any policing.

Recent Wedding in Chapel



Platoon Sergeant Jessie J. Suftin and Mrs. Suftin, who were married on June 7 at the chapel by Chaplain J. L. Zerwas.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"Silence is golden." That is an old adage, but it is still true. The rewards of silence are indeed rich. Yet we live in a world whose most characteristic aspect is its noise. It would almost seem as if the clamor of civilization has crept into man's very soul. Consequently he is tense, anxious, and restless. He has forgotten how to be still.

Is it any wonder that God seems unreal and impersonal? The Psalmist saw this truth when he wrote, "Be still and know that I am God, saith the Lord." God has spoken to quiet, listening souls. He spoke to Moses in the silence of a desert place. He spoke to Isaiah when he was alone in the stillness and majesty of the Temple. He spoke to Jesus in the silence of a lonely garden. He spoke to Paul alone with his thoughts on the lonely road to Damascus. They heard His voice, learned His will, and knew the comfort and strength of His Presence because they were still. God never forces Himself upon anyone. To hear Him we must listen. As one has so beautifully expressed it, "The lake best mirrors the sky and surrounding landscape not when it is lashed by the fury of a storm, but when it is perfectly calm and still."

Let us take time to be still. Be alone with God's Word, pray to Him in the silences, and meditate in the night watches. Lay aside a period each day to be still with God. Only then can you know Him as a strengthening Companion.

CHAPLAIN JACK L. ZERWAS.

Divine Services

Protestant: Chaplains—E. C. Andrews, J. A. Talley, W. F. Summers, J. L. Zerwas. Sunday— Morning Service1000 Communion Service1100 Evening Vespers1930 Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800. Choir—Tuesday & Thursday, 1400-1500. Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1. Christian Science: Wartime minister will be at the reception office in the Chapel every Tuesday at 1400 to 1600. L. D. S. (Mormon): Services-1930 Thursday.	Catholic: Chaplains—Nicholas F. Gruber, J. P. Griffin. Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130. Weekday Mass—0800 and 1630. Confessions before all Masses. Novena and Benediction, 1630 Tuesday. Catholic Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1. Jewish: Divine Service—2000 Friday, conducted by Mr. Bernard Miran. The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1900 to 2000 on Fridays.
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Panorama of Expressions Seen at Staff Post Office



In the lobby of Barracks 35 corpsmen receive the good news from home. Above, PhM3c B. L. Lively hands some lucky fellow his daily "sugar report."

The lobby of Barracks 35 has seen the departure of many corpsmen with every possible expression—Pharmacist Mates running down the ramp in complete jubilation, HA Deuces sulking away dejected of solitude, Specialist A's staggering with burdened minds.

What causes this atmosphere of differentiated mental attitudes? What is the source of this panorama of human visages where each man enters with eyes wide open with hope and expectancy and departs with all these varied expressions?

It's the enlisted staff Post Office, which twice a day serves as the hub for the compound corpsman. Between the hours of 1130 and 1300 and 1600 and 1730, hundreds can be seen making the pilgrimage up the staff hill to the lobby of Barracks 35. There they wait in three long lines worming their way through the building. These lines converge at one point under a black and white post-office sign appropriately subdivided into three sections labeled A-G, H-O and Z.

Behind the counter are three ungareed members of the Hospital Corps, PhM3c Burr L. Lively, A1c Fred K. Parrish and HA1c George C. Richie. A further glance over the counter reveals a maze of shelves subdivided into pigeon holes bearing letters, packages, and newspapers. The walls are decorated with typical Navy posters.

Arriving at the head of the line, the expectant corpsman is greeted with "Well, what does your family all you?" or "You really expect me this time?" After a few more usual remarks one of the boys will start thumbing through a stack of letters taken from a pigeon-hole labeled with the first letter of the corpsman's last name.

Warrant Officer Ranks May Change

Looking forward to the time when there will be a warrant rank for every enlisted rating, BuPers is giving a good deal of consideration to a possible revision of warrant ranks.

Several enlisted ratings must be reclassified when warrant rank is attained under the present system. For example, a chief quartermaster or chief signalman becomes a boatswain when he is promoted to warrant officer.

The Navy's plan is to provide suitable rank classifications for all enlisted ratings so that they will retain their proper identity upon promotion.

The use of designators in classifying warrants, however, will probably be employed by BuPers for the present. In this case, a quartermaster who becomes a warrant boatswain might have a parenthetical designator (such as D2) attached to his rank to distinguish him from a boatswain with straight deck duties who might be designated as (D1).

When all this will come to pass depends upon necessary legislation which will have to come from Congress. It is unlikely the plan will be put into effect—granting Congressional approval—before 1 Sept. 1947. However, the already drafted Navy plans probably will be in final form for announcement to the fleet by September of this year.

Wave: Surely you aren't going to let that red-headed WAC steal your boy friend.

Second Wave: Never, I'll dye first.

Which is Which?

Signalmen's Similarities Include Identical Troubles

A strange phenomenon recently invaded the usually normal routine of daily chores of 77A's medical officer. The time allotted each afternoon to interviewing prospective patients for admittance into the sanctum of rectal surgery had arrived, and the man of medicine was fully prepared for the work.

He focused his medical skill at Shepard Zitomersky, SM3c, diagnosed a cyst teratoma and called for the next patron. Seymour Zitomersky, SM3c, knocked twice, entered the doctor's office and assumed the ethical position on the examining table. The good doctor explored the afflicted region, chalked up another cyst teratoma and began the indoctrination ceremonies.

But wait, hadn't he just admitted this man? Isn't one approved application enough?

"Speak man, speak. What is the meaning of this mental disturbance?"

"Well, Sir, you see, Sir, many years ago my mother . . ."

A little over two decades ago, on a bleak December morn, a healthy number of paternal parents gazed lovingly at infant limbs of respective family trees. In a Chicago hospital Mr. and Mrs. Zitomersky were having vision trouble. They were seeing double—two identical branches.

A little yeoman sat at his battle station in a Chicago induction center one drizzly April day in 1944, helping his country's Navy compile personnel in the raw. He had been drinking Chicago champagne the night before and resigned himself for the day's usual events, a rough day . . . but entirely inadequate for super-naturals such as stood before him on that April morn.

"Oh, I get it, a couple of wise guys, twins, huh? The Navy will knock that out of you, me lads."

The recruiting yeoman had recovered, remembered a recent Washington dispatch which told him to treat identical twins as two separate applicants and the Zitomersky branches were accepted.

"Can we help it if some genius invented carbon paper," says Shepard, dewy eyed and disgusted. (Or was it Seymour that is dewy eyed and disgusted.)

"Is it our fault that brother looks like me and I look like brother? All our lives people have accused me of things brother did. And some of the things the women say to me when they talk to brother! Can we help it if we confuse people?"

In Boot Camp, Seymour and Shepard caused eleven Chiefs to subscribe to Alcohol Anonymous. In signal school Shepard and Seymour disoriented four instructors and had the signal strikers hoisting distress flags. On liberty they could separate a saloon from its patrons



The Zitomersky twins

faster than the law in the prohibition era.

Then the break came. The twins were split by an AINav which sent one on a tanker and the other on a transport. Each night the brothers would stand on individual bridges and scan the Pacific in search of each other. The only time Seymour saw Shepard occurred when he looked in the mirror.

One misty morning at Shoe-maker Receiving Base, some observing buddies hailed Seymour as "Sheppy." This brought a reunion which soon spread its effect of confusion through the entire station.

So identical are the Zitomersky sons that when one caught pharyngitis the other had a sore throat. When the one on the left suffered from dysentery, the one on the right nursed an aching stomach. Could Oak Knoll accept "Zito" and ignore "mersky"? No!

But this uncanny identical identities has come to an end. The chain of similars has been broken. Medical diagnoses has discovered that one Zitomersky was harboring hemorrhoids. But who it it? Which one? Nobody has ventured to say—as yet.

Chief (just bawled out): Not a man in this department gets liberty tonight.

Voice: Give me liberty or give me death.

Chief: Who said that?

Voice: Patrick Henry.

On Sunday, the 16th, a Bar B-Q picnic will be held at 2245 82nd St., Oakland. There will be both refreshments and games. The program is sponsored by St. Benedict's Church in Oakland. All hands are cordially invited to attend.

WOMEN IN WHITE

By Lt. Comdr. Mildred M. Morrison (NC) USN

St. Bernard's Church in Oakland was the setting of the recent vow exchange of Lt. (jg) Claire Shubert and Captain Edward J. Zmyslinski.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Shubert of Erie,



Capt. and Mrs. E. J. Zmyslinski

Pa., and has been a member of the Navy Nurse Corps for the past three years.

Capt. Zmyslinski has been with the Army Medical Corps for three years and has just returned from an 18 months' tour of duty in Germany. He, also, is a native of Erie, Pa.

Lt. (jg) Josephine Jakubiec and Lt. Comdr. Gene Hanavan were the couple's attendants. The Reverend Hugh McKenna officiated. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley.

The newlyweds will live in Buffalo, N. Y., where the bridegroom has a residency in EENT diseases.

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Reported: Lt. (jg) Gladys Komenda from Washington, D. C.; and Lts. (jg) Marion Haire and Judy Flinn, and Ensign Marjorie Bowes from Naval Training and Distribution Center, Shoemaker, Calif.

Detached to civil life: Lts. (jg) Arlene Rebuck, Laura Gay, Elaine Boucher, Lisbeth Morgan, and Ensign Hildegard Chapman.

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As of 1 June Ensigns Helen Kasenberg and Lisbeth Morgan were promoted to the rank of Lt. (jg); and Lts. (jg) Sylvia Skidmore and Catherine Rogers were promoted to the rank of Lieut.

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Ensign Ruth Myers has announced her marriage of 1 June to Silas Byrd.

Radio Lab Reopens With New Additions

Lt. Blanche Hurd, W-USNR, has announced last week that the Oak Knoll Radio Laboratory has reopened with many new additional features. One of the most prominent of these new attractions is Ensign John Langford, USNR, ex-Radar School instructor at Mare Island and graduate of the California Institute of Technology, who is now staffed at Oak Knoll both as Officer-in-Charge and instructor of the Radio Laboratory.

Extensive Apparatus

Ensign Langford points out that he has available a full outlay of equipment including meters, signal generators, oscillographs and many other pieces of apparatus necessary for general radio instruction. For the beginners there are sets made to illustrate the fundamentals of electricity. For the advanced students and technicians there are some more highly technical equipment.

Another attraction of the Radio Lab is that it allows the patient who constructs a set to keep it when it is completed. Of course, he cannot walk away with the set crudely put together, for the rule of the shop states that all the equipment has to be in good operation before it is allowed to leave the Lab.

Army Kits Expected

A shipment of 50 Army Signal Corps kits is expected the early part of the week. They are all six-tube AC-DC receivers, the kits being complete in every detail. Ensign Langford states that these sets would take about two weeks to be constructed by the average amateur. He advises that a novice should try a simpler set before attempting one of these. When completed these, too, will be given to the constructors.

The Radio Lab is located topside Building 102 and is open both morning and afternoon every weekday.

To buy..sell..rent

NOTICE: "The Oak Leaf" does not accept paid advertising. The following items are printed as a free service for the hospital's patients and staff. Deposit items in "The Oak Leaf" contribution box in the lobby of Ship's Service. Incidentally, it is NOT a mail box.

Wanted...

A Car. Call Lt. (jg) Loeffler, Ward 72B.

A small apartment for a Limp Gimp patient and bride. Call J. Talevitch, Ward 53 or Ext. 150.

Found...

Five keys on a key ring found on a bus on way to MacArthur Boulevard. Pick up at Provost Marshal's Office on identification.

Three small keys on a ring. Found Saturday. May be identified at the O.O.D.'s office.

Coming Attractions

JOHN HERSEY'S
Pulitzer Prize-Winning Novel
A Bell for Adano
Starring
GENE TIERNEY • JOHN HODIAK
WILLIAM BENDIX
A 20th CENTURY-FOX PICTURE

Saturday, 15 June

AN M-G-M PICTURE
"Boys' Ranch"
JACKIE BUTCH JENKINS
butch
A NEW STAR IS BORN

Sunday, 16 June

The BOB CATS
Are
Coming!



PRESENTS
BOB CROSBY
AND HIS
ORCHESTRA

IN PERSON

Stage Show—1500
All Hands Dance—2000
Monday, 17 June

"KID FROM BROOKLYN"
Danny Kaye - Virginia Mayo
Tuesday, 18 June

A DRAMA OF THE
ATOMIC BOMB!
RENDEZVOUS 24
William GARGAN • Pat O'MOORE • Maria PALMER
Produced by
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Productions, Inc. 20th CENTURY-FOX

Wednesday, 19 June

A THRILL
A MINUTE!
A SHIVER
A SECOND!
UNIVERSAL PRESENTS
The Cat Creeps
with
LOIS COLLIER
FRED BRADY
PAUL KELLY
NOAH BEERY, JR.
DOUGLASS DRUMBRILLE
ROSE HOBART

Screenplay by Edward Dein and Jerry Warner
Original Story by Gerald Geraghty
Directed by ERLE C. KENTON • Associate Producer:
Will Cowan • Executive Producer: HOWARD WELSH
Thursday, 20 June

"JANIE GETS MARRIED"
Joan Leslie - Robert Hutton
Friday, 21 June

All the world
loves these
Lovers!
Paramount's
"FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS"
starring GARY COOPER
INGRID BERGMAN
IN TECHNICOLOR
From the celebrated novel
by ERNEST HEMINGWAY
Produced and Directed by
Sam Wood
Saturday, 22 June

The Sporting Scene



After one of their recent games the victorious "Limp Gimps" posed for this picture. The Limp Gimps, patients on ward 53, have not only formed the single all-patient intramural softball team, but have succeeded in defeating all staff teams that dared to match their skill.

Louis to Defend Heavyweight Title In Bout with Billy Conn Wednesday

The fistic classic of the year—it says here—is almost upon us. Joe Louis and Billy Conn, army vets, do an encore June 19th at the Yankee Stadium. The scrap takes place almost five years to the day after their initial encounter—June 18, 1941, at the Polo Grounds.

Louis, you'll recall, scored a knockout in the thirteenth round in that first bout. But earlier in that round Billy outslugged Joe in a savage exchange. We'll repeat the blow-by-blow account of those last two rounds, five long years back—

ROUND TWELVE—Louis landed a right on the head and took a left on the jaw. Louis rammed a left to the face, but Billy came back with a flurry of hooks. Louis got a hard left hook to the face, opening a cut under Conn's right eye. Conn continued to outscore Louis, finally staggering the Negro with a left hook to the jaw. Conn pursued Louis around the ring, scoring freely with lefts and rights. Louis was in trouble and it was Conn's round by a wide margin.

ROUND THIRTEEN—Between rounds Jack Blackburn held ammonia under Louis's nose. Conn scored with a one-two punch, landing a right on Louis's ear. Louis jabbed Conn on the nose, drawing blood. Conn waded in with a left to the stomach. Louis landed a left to the face and followed with a hard right. Louis landed three hard rights to Conn's jaw, but Billy came back and out-punched Joe in a murderous exchange. Louis whirled in with a right to the head and Conn stag-

gered. A right uppercut snapped Billy's head back. Louis landed lefts and rights to the head. Joe drove with left and right to head and Billy dropped as if shot. He was counted out. He got up just after completion of the count. The time was 2:58.

The dynamic Jimmy Johnston—shortly before he passed away—predicted that Louis would knock Conn out in THREE ROUNDS in their return go. Johnston, who was one of the shrewdest judges of fighting flesh, said: "I don't see how Billy can acquire a punch he never had. And Joe would very much like to retire as undefeated heavyweight champion of the world."

That may be true, but Louis would be the last person to admit that Conn doesn't have a punch. After all, Joe was in the ring with Billy and everyone knows that the Pittsburgh belter's punches hurt Louis a number of times. However, it's anybody's guess as to how the fight will wind up. Conn at 29 and Louis at 32 are neither too old to give the fans a whirlwind scrap.

When Jim Corbett lost his crown to Bob Fitzsimmons, he was 31. Three years later, Corbett—crowding 35—fought his finest battle when he went 23 rounds with Jim Jeffries. In that match Corbett was winning easily when he decided to mix it with Jeff, and with two rounds to go. That was the same boner Conn pulled, with disastrous results. Jess Willard was 32 when he took the heavy title from Jack Johnson—and Johnson was 37.

Intramural Spotlight Falls on the Softball Lot as Competition Grows

The week of the fourth through the eleventh saw a number of softball games played on the Oak Knoll diamond. The Ward 53 Limp Gimp team still maintained their undisputed lead over the various staff teams.

Gimps Win Two Same Day

It was the 53 team all the way on June the 5th over both the Medical Storeroom Corpsmen and the Transportation "Gear Grinders." In both games, Pollard, McGee and Davis of the Gimps led the hitting. The first game was highlighted by a home-run with bases loaded by the Gimps center-fielder Gillihan.

Gimps 19, Staff Doctors 6

The Staff Doctors softball team, in spite of four hard hit home-runs (three by McClain) bowed to the publicity-making Ward 53 squad. It was Pollard and Gillihan of the Gimps who followed McClain in the batting, each with three for four. The Staff Docs had the fielding but could not get the hits off of Pitcher Garcia.

Transportation Wrecked

The Transportation team tried again on 7 June to beat the Ward 53 team, but this time lost 28 to 1. Pitcher Garcia was able to hold the "Gear Grinders" to but three hits by Frisk, Wood and Whisenhunt. The game ended in the fourth inning when the Gimps batted around twice bringing in 18 runs.

Transportation Wins One

Last Saturday, the Transporta-

tion team pulled through to vanquish the Medical Storeroom representatives by a score of 12 to 8. The high hitters of the game were Johns and Mulvehill of the losing team, each with three for five. Credit for the victory should be given to civilian-driver Baker of Transportation for his excellent pitching.

Storeroom Loses to Gimps

In one of the best games seen on the Oak Knoll diamond, the Ward 53 Limp Gimps beat by a score of 7 to 0 the Medical Storeroom team. Three times the corpsmen loaded the bases only to be thwarted by Pitcher Garcia. One time it looked as if Pittman of the Storeroom team was to drive in a homer with bases loaded, but was foiled by a lucky catch.

Brig Beats Transportation

Sparked by the hitting of Rachette and Flanders, the Brig team outhit and outfielded Transportation by a score of 14 to 9. The Transportation batters were unable to connect with the pitching of Brig-keeper Rachette, including hard-hitters like Myers and Wood.

Country girl: Paw's the best rifle shot in the county.

City slicker: Well, what does that make me?

Country girl: My fiance.

They called her income tax because she had a staggering figure.



CONGRATULATIONS, YOU HAVE COMPLETED 15 MONTHS OF NIGHT DUTY. NOW WE'LL PUT YOU ON A GALLEY FOR AWHILE.

Red Cross Ramblings

On the evening of June 6, 1946, merriment reigned supreme on ward 42B as Red Cross Nite Recreation Gray Ladies "rolled the bones" with the patients in an exciting game of Society Crap.

This pleasant party was given to honor the following patients whose birthdays fall in the month of June: Arthur Ball, Hugh Budahn, Sam Honeycutt, Alton Phillips and Charles Roller.

Coincidentally, the party also fell on the birthday of Miss Rasband, charming nurse on that ward.

An interesting cake ceremony was initiated during which people who were wearing rings dropped them over lighted candles, making a wish at the same time. The people in whose honor the party was given blew simultaneously, quenching the candle flames and insuring the successful culmination of everyone's wishes.

The birthdays of Miss Klein and Mrs. Calhoun of 62B were honored on Saturday afternoon, when following the U.S.O. show, a large decorated cake was served. Miss Klein, who will be 81 years old on June 25th, is a veteran patient, having served as an Army nurse in the Spanish-American War. The most interesting years of her life she said, were spent in helping both the American and native people of the Philippines.

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Members of Sightseers Club of 43A and B this week spent a very pleasant and relaxing day at Golden Gate Park and Fleishhacker Zoo in San Francisco. Arriving in San Francisco, the group stopped first at Golden Gate Park where the patients visited the Aquarium and watched the seals. The drive down the beach to Fleishhacker Zoo and Park was thoroughly enjoyed by all, as was the picnic lunch.

Sightseers from ward 74A and B were the guests of Mrs. Eggleston, Chairman of the Camp and Hospital on Friday for luncheon at her home in Berkeley. After the good home-cooked meal, the men relaxed in the garden.

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In order to promote a better understanding between patients and staff concerning Red Cross policies and practices both here and overseas, a panel discussion, led by Miss Dottie Munson, was held at the regular monthly staff meeting last Thursday. Presenting the viewpoints of the men on various G. I. gripes were Dan O'Connell and Joe Hayes, both with overseas experience, and now on ward 62B. Explaining and answering questions and comments of the men were Miss Betty Heath of the Recreation Department, and Miss Nellie Winslow of the Social Service Department.

It was hoped that this might be the beginning of regular patient-staff meetings which will help in interpreting, and meeting the needs of the servicemen and veterans.

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To give community visitors and staff personnel an opportunity to see patients at work on all types of articles, the Red Cross Hobby Shop held Open House last Tuesday afternoon and evening. People who have often given material and financial contribution to the shop, were especially urged to attend in order to see for what worthwhile projects their gifts were used.

Scuttlebutt

It was the time of the twenty-first century, the era of rocket trolley cars and jet-propelled scooters; two decrepit Chief Pharmacist Mates sat on a piece of debris which had floated ashore from the Bikini Atoll Atomic Bomb experiment. They were talking of the good old days at Oak Knoll, and of the people they knew.

"Remember how happy we made those corpsmen when we sent them out into the civilian world?"

"I sure do remember," said the eldest chief with a scowl.

They were thinking of **Johnny Seeger** and the time he burned the Patient Personnel files when they told him to return from whence he came—Brooklyn.

How **Ted Roik** rode out the main gate on a Surgery I Guernsey. And how **Stan Young**, **Bill Gormley** and **Francis March** left their Honey Wagons for civilian soap and water.

The reminiscing Chiefs caught a glimpse of **Herbert Brown** trying to take a bed-pan home as a souvenir of military service. They saw illusions of **Gil Salvage** and **Johnny Cotten** tearing up liberty lists, and the time a transportation jeep was found in **Frank Bonner's** locker.

"Remember those dandy locker inspections, Chief."

The two bearded ones recalled the time **Art Tucker** packed away an extra set of teeth, just in case. And when **Johnny Rader** X-rayed his ruptured duck and found no signs of a hernia.

Then a puzzled expression covered the faces of the remembering Chiefs. They were wondering what became of **Bob Stahley** and **Bobby Silvester**, and if **Manny Davis'** leg could stand the extra weight of a discharge paper.

With a quizzical glance one aged Chief turned to the other and said, "When are you getting discharged, Chief?"

"I'm a sixty year man, Chief. How 'bout you?"

Facts and Figures On the Forthcoming Atom Bomb Tests

WHAT—Series of three atomic bomb tests: First, air burst; second, surface or shallow underwater burst; third, deep underwater burst.

WHERE—Bikini Atoll, in Marshall Islands, for first and second tests.

WHEN — First test, 1 July, weather permitting; second, within three to six weeks after first test; third, in 1947.

ORGANIZATION — Joint Army and Navy Task Force One.

COMMAND—Vice Admiral W. H. P. Blandy, USN.

PARTICIPANTS — Approximately 42,000 men, 225 ships.

TARGET FLEET — Approximately 77 naval craft, including USS Pennsylvania, New York, Nevada, Pensacola, Saratoga, as well as Jap battleship Nagato and German heavy cruiser, Prinz Eugen.

MAIN PURPOSE — To determine effects of atomic bomb on naval vessels in order to gain information of value to the national defense.

SECONDARY AIMS—To afford training for Army Air Forces personnel in attack with the atomic bomb against ships, and to determine the effect of the atomic bomb upon both Army and Navy military installations and equipment placed on the target ships and the shore.

Savings Bond News

Alnav 209-46 is quoted for information and guidance of all military and civilian personnel:

"The struggle to control inflation must be greatly intensified. A basic cause of inflation well known to all of us is an excess of spending, coupled with a shortage of products. It is our duty as citizens to help combat inflation by combatting rising prices. To acquire the temptation to spend those extra dollars. The key is continued saving for future needs and the best and safest way to save is still United States Savings Bonds, their purchase through the allotment plan, and their retention. It is our hope that all Navy personnel will support the program to control inflation by putting more money into Savings Bonds that would otherwise compete for scarce goods. We are all vitally concerned with our country's future, with the dangers that threaten its well being, and just as we backed the attack we must now back our future by investing regularly in United States Savings Bonds."

Nice old lady: My doesn't that young man swear terribly.

CBM: Yes'm he sure does. He knows the words but just don't put no expression in 'em.

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Off the Bookshelf

Two-thirds of the books borrowed from the hospital library are fiction. Some new novels added to the library are as follows:

Allan: *Boysi Himself*. Humorous stories about a colored boy.

Barnes: *My Lady of Cleves*. Historical novel about the fourth wife of Henry VIII.

Dick: *Country Heart*. Love story with an Australian setting.

Farrell: *Bernard Clare*. Story of a young writer in New York.

Isherwood: *Prater Violet*. A satirical novel on the making of a moving picture and European politics before the war.

Kersh: *Night And The City*. An English novel about big city night life.

Maas: *Imperial Venus*. Novel about Napoleon's favorite younger sister.

Richter: *The Fields*. Historical novel about pioneer life in Ohio, sequel to *The Trees*.

Roberts: *Brave Mardi Gras*. New Orleans before the Civil War.

Smith: *Magic Lantern*. Romantic novel set in England, Budapest, Sicily, and Paris.

Sorensen: *On This Star*. A triangular love story.

Stuart: *Foretaste of Glory*. Novel about the Kentucky hill people.

Waldeck: *Lustre In The Sky*. Talleyrand and Napoleon are in the background of this historical novel set in Vienna.

Welty: *Delta Wedding*. Descriptive novel about a Mississippi wedding.

White: *The Pale Blonde of Sands Street*. Story about a sailor and a waitress who meet in Brooklyn interlarded with salty humor.

Yerby: *The Foxes of Harrow*. Historical novel about New Orleans in 1825.



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Historical Book To Be Given Out On July First

Forty-three pages of pictures—about 400 individual scenes arranged in attractive layouts—form the outstanding feature of Oak Knoll's first historical souvenir booklet which is scheduled for compound circulation on Monday, July 1.

Commemorating the fourth anniversary of the hospital's commissioning, the 48-page volume opens with "before and after" views and includes a condensed history of Oak Knoll. The main part of the book centers around the patient, picturing him in surgery, in occupational therapy, in class, in the swimming pool—in short, it shows the facilities offered here for the treatment, morale, and general convenience of the patient. Throughout the book, staff members—some discharged, some still aboard—are pictured at work in various departments.

Lively sketches by Lt. Carol Gawthrop of Educational Services add a note of color to the book, and a dignified cover design symbolic of the Navy and the Medical Corps has been drawn by Sgt. Albert Blaisdell, patient. It is stamped in gold on blue-green cover stock.

Four thousand copies of the souvenir publication will be distributed free to staff members and patients who were attached to this hospital on or before January 1, 1946, and to civilian employees with longest records of service. Patients will receive their copies in the wards, and staff members may call for theirs at the Public Information office. Because of paper shortage only 2,000 books will be available on July 1, but all persons eligible for free copies will receive them just as soon as delivery is made by Tooley-Towne Corporation, printers. Further detailed plans for distribution will be announced later.

One thousand additional copies will be placed on sale at Ship's Service for a nominal sum.

Members of the Public Information and Photographic Arts departments are chiefly responsible for publication of the book, and Welfare and Recreation funds were used to finance it.

District Medical Officer Inspects



Rear Admiral John P. Owens, District Medical Officer, is shown entering the Administration Building at the beginning of his three day inspection. He is followed by Capt. L. C. Montgomery, Senior District Dental Officer.

Commencing last Monday and continuing through the middle of the week, Rear Admiral John P. Owens (MC) USN, accompanied by a group of officers from the District Medical Office, made an extensive inspection of Oak Knoll.

Accompanying Admiral Owens were Lt. Comdr. D. J. O'Brien (HC) USN, his Administrative Assistant; Captain L. C. Montgomery (DC) USN, Senior District Dental Officer; Comdr. E. M. O'Brien (NC) USN, Senior District Nurse; and Lts. C. H. Small and J. A. Schoenbachle, both (HC) USN.

The party passed through the Oak Knoll gates at 1100 Monday and then broke up into individual groups, who for the next few days toured the compound at will. Included by the Admiral himself, were the two commissaries, the various departments and surgeries, the barracks, not to mention the innumerable wards passed through. Outstanding in the Admiral's personal inspection were the long conversations he had with the various patients over the compound, and the interest he showed in the various details of staff members.

The inspection was climaxed on Wednesday evening with a cocktail party and a buffet supper at the Officers' Club in honor of the Admiral.

Admiral Owens came to the 12th Naval District as District Medical Officer on 1 April to replace Admiral Laning who retired to civilian life. Prior to his present duty, Admiral Owens was District Medical Officer of the 3rd Naval District.

Plans Prepared For July 4th Festivities

The Welfare and Recreation Department announced this week that a special series of attractions will be offered on 4 July.

There will be sack races, tugs of war, track and swimming events and many other competitive novelties. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places in each event.

The schedule will be arranged by Ch. Pharm. Buccelli, Assistant Provost Marshal, and further details will be announced later.

ALNAV Quotes Need Of Women's Reserve

Proof that work accomplished by the WAVES has been recognized and appreciated is shown in a recent ALNAV received from the Secretary of the Navy.

Commanding officers are directed to accept for retention all V 10 applications, thus far reported to the Bureau, for continued active duty until July 1, 1947.

The ALNAV further stated, "Instructions for reenlistment until July 1, 1947 of discharged WAVES and further applications from those in service in certain rated groups needed will be issued at a later date."

A total of 5,000 V 10 volunteers is desired. To date, 2,723 applications have been received, leaving a difference of 2,277 enlistments necessary to reach the minimum goal.

Personnel interested in further retention should consult the Women's Reserve Representative.

Here at Oak Knoll the number volunteering for further duty to date total 14 enlisted WAVES, 3 Hospital Corps Officers, and 1 Doctor.

Shoemaker to Close New SepCens Open

A recent District order has announced the opening of two new Separation Centers in the Twelfth Naval District, one located at Alameda Naval Air Station and the other, Mare Island Naval Shipyard.

These two SepCens will commence the separation of male enlisted personnel on 1 July and at a gradually increasing rate will be in a position to take over all the District post-demobilization separation activities by 20 August, at which time Shoemaker will have been demobilized.

It is highly probable that some of the Oak Knoll personnel will be separated at these new stations, particularly those in the latter quotas.

Depleted Staff Receives New Corpsmen & Seamen

Its "Welcome Aboard" to the 19 Hospital Apprentices and 12 Seamen who have recently reported for duty. The Corpsmen arrived from the U. S. Naval Hospital, Shoemaker, and the Seamen from Treasure Island. It is with regret, too, that in a short time we will have to say "Goodbye."

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• Summer and Fire Seasons Arrive

Summer, according to its eternal schedule, has rolled around again behind its perpetual predecessor, Spring, bringing with it many advantages and one major disadvantage.

Oak Knoll has shown the innumerable factors which accompany this slow seasonal transition. Tanned faces are seen walking the ramps. Cool whites predominate over the stifling blues in the offices where the uniform is optional. The entire compound itself has turned a crisp dry brown by the burning sun, contrasted only by the green watered lawns about the Administration building and some of the wards.

The San Francisco area has certainly entered into its typically rainless summer. There is no question concerning the advantages of this type of climate to the health. But it also has one extreme disadvantage to the general welfare of the people living in the area, a disadvantage which affects Oak Knoll more than the surrounding countryside.

The hot, burning sun has dehydrated the area into a mass of buildings and grassed areas which can be ignited into a fast spreading fire at a moment's notice. We have already experienced two minor grass fires which were immediately extinguished. But in the short interval of a few minutes between when the fires had first started and when they were put out, they had already charred a sizeable area. These two cases exemplify the constant menace to the hospital.

The buildings themselves are comparatively safe from a fire started inside due to the automatic sprinkler system and the diverse distribution of extinguishers and hoses. But there is the constant danger of fires on the grounds themselves. There is no automatic system continually on the watch nor are there extinguishers within an arm's reach. Added to the danger is the fact that grass fires, next to chemical blazes, spread more rapidly than any others.

The only way to alleviate this menace is for all hands to take every possible precaution. Matches and cigarettes must be thoroughly extinguished before being thrown away. In the event of a fire starting, there should be no hesitation in calling the fire department to the scene.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Force For Unity

Far more important than the present size of the relief program of the World Council of Churches is what it symbolizes. It indicates that there is at last a spirit of Christian unity which transcends both ecclesiastical and national divisions and which can express itself in united service. This has significance not only for the present program of relief and reconstruction but also for the whole struggle to establish any enduring world order. For we cannot hope for any permanent unity in the political or economic realms unless we can develop among all peoples a sense of oneness at the deepest level of life—the level of a common understanding of the meaning of our human existence. The United Nations organization is as yet only a skeleton. Can these bones live? Not in the long run, unless a new spirit can be breathed into them. That spirit is at work today in the Church, which is becoming more truly one world-wide fellowship in Christ. If the Church can manifest this spirit with sufficient power, it can be the greatest of all forces for the unity of mankind.

SAMUEL McCREA CALVERT,

Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches

(Submitted by Chaplain William F. Summers)

Miss O'Brien Visits Hospital



Comdr. S. E. Deaterla, Chief Nurse at Oak Knoll, greets Comdr. E. M. O'Brien, District Chief Nurse. Comdr. O'Brien accompanied Adm. Owens on his recent inspection.

Red Cross Ramblings

In keeping with the theme of Father's Day, parties were held this last week on wards 42A and 44A, with the help of the Berkeley Community Group on 42A and the Recreation Gray Ladies on 44A. The recreation workers presented the men with bright colored crepe paper ties and handle bar mustaches to get them all in the mood.

The first activity was a pencil and paper game in which the men were given five minutes to write the names of as many world famous fathers as they could think of. Next, each was equipped with balloon, shaving cream and razor and proceeded to shave the balloons with great speed and oddly enough, no casualties—or popped balloons—resulted.

In the diaper-pinning contest, in which the members of each team changed the dolls' diapers, some of the men proved to be quite successful.

Last and funniest event was the baby-feeding contest in which the men fed each other dry corn flakes.

It was agreed by all the patients that these unusual parties were "a heck of a lot of fun."

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A big 12-hour sightseeing trip to Carmel and Monterey was made by the sightseers club from 74A

and 74B. Arriving in Carmel Valley around noon the group was met by the Carmel Red Cross who had arranged a home-grown and home-cooked chicken dinner for them. From there they were led by "Tony" Diantone, 74B, and a Carmel Red Cross worker in her pint-size two-seater station wagon through the scenic 17-mile drive. Many stops were made along the way to allow the photographers to take movies and still shots to show the rest of the patients on the ward. They saw Bird Rock and Point San Jose where the 7 ocean currents come together. The tour continued along John Steinbeck's Cannery Row to Monterey. At this point Pfc. Jack Caudle and Pfc. Dennis Gormley, of 74A, joined "Tony" in the two-seater and they continued through Monterey, past the first theatre in California and other old adobe buildings. They stopped for a picnic supper—then home.

Friday, June 14th, members of the Sightseers Club of 43A visited the home of Mrs. Harry Eggleston of Berkeley. The patients sank into a luxurious lethargy on one of the sun-bespattered patios. Following the delicious dinner, Mrs. Eggleston took them on a tour of inspection through the lovely home.

WOMEN IN WHITE

By Lt. Comdr. Mildred M. Morrison (NC) USN

Again we're quoting national news of interest, this time from the June issue of the *American Journal of Nursing*: "The Nurse Corps, U. S. Navy, began to accept new applications for membership on May 15."

"There probably will be billets available in the Regular NNC for most of the members of the Reserve group who will meet the necessarily high standards for transfer. This will allow Reserve nurses, who are on terminal leave status or who have been on inactive duty for less than 6 months, to apply for transfer. An applicant may withdraw her request for transfer at any time and may refuse her permanent appointment when it is offered."

"On May 13th when the NNC observed its 38th anniversary, it had 7,500 members, which is approximately 30 per cent below the peak of 11,000 reached just prior to the end of the war. The future complement of the Corps will depend on the size of the postwar Navy. For the first time, however, members of the NC being released to inactive duty will retain their appointments in the Naval Reserve during peacetime."

Reported: Ens. Florence Loughrey, (NC) USNR.

Detached: Lts. Mary Calacino and Catherine Rogers; Lts. (jg) Helen Kasenberg, Esther Dechert and Gertrude Visscher; and En-

Undefeated NSD Bows to Ward 53

In the best softball game of the year, played Friday on the local diamond, the Limp Gimps ended the 13 game win streak of Oakland Naval Supply Depot by a score of 3 to 1. The Supply Depot scored first in the top half of the fourth on two walks and a hit. That is the way the score stood until the last of the sixth inning when Davis dumped a single into center field. Pollard laid a perfect bunt along the third base line and was safe when Wood and Parkos of Naval Supply did an Alphonse and Gaston act in fielding the ball. McGee forced Davis at third, Rea flied out to short center and Benny Garcia, Gimp pitcher, doubled along the third base line, driving in two runs. Third Baseman Charley Hallam hit the first ball pitched for two bases, scoring Garcia.

In two other close games played last week the Gimps tripped San Leandro 7 to 2 and grabbed their fourteenth straight win by trouncing Transportation 8 to 5.

Corps Waves Come From Behind To Tie Balboa

In a game Thursday afternoon called in the sixth inning because of rain, the Wave Softballers of Oak Knoll came from behind to tie the favored Waves from Balboa Park. The final score was 9 all-

signs Margery Ackley, Edna Mulholland, Delia Dvorak, Evelyn Ode, Irene Palmer, Judith Pizza, Rita Tibbets, Lois Valentine, Margaret Thompson, Selma Peterson, Marie Pelletier and Vera Shelford.

Drug Aids Cupid

Green's Complication Cured By Penicillin Injections

Five weeks have passed since EM3c Wilbur Green of ward 50B was to have been discharged from the Navy at Camp Shoemaker, and that would seem like a long time to anybody, even if he hadn't been married only a few days before the ambulance got him.

But it could have been worse—it could have been five months, and probably would have been if it were not for the changes that penicillin has made in the treatment of pneumonia.

Pneumonia is what Green had—the "lobar" variety, in which an entire lobe of the lung is involved in a rapid process which results in filling up of the tiny air-containing spaces with tissue fluid and white blood cells, so that the lobe becomes entirely useless as far as obtaining oxygen goes.

Once lobar pneumonia has established itself, it is overcome by the body in one of two ways: by "crisis" or by "lysis." In resolution by crisis the temperature falls suddenly and the patient almost within hours looks and feels well again. In lysis, the temperature falls gradually over days and the patient's improvement is slow but steady.

Even then it may not all be over for there are those famous "complications." These are not mythical entities employed by doctors as excuses for keeping the patient in the hospital. They may be more serious than the pneumonia itself, such as meningitis, lung abscess, inflammation of the heart and its membranes, and pleurisy.

And of course, Green had to have one of these complications—he picked pleurisy. This became apparent even on the day of admission to Oak Knoll, for the X-ray showed that there was fluid inside the left pleural cavity. In Green's case this could only be the result of inflammation of the pleura—the delicate membrane that covers the lungs and the inside of the chest cavities.

In the "good old days" this pleural effusion would have meant certain bad news for Green. The fluid, infected by pneumococci (as his was shown to be by a smear in the laboratory), would turn to pus and then the condition would be known as empyema. This would have to be treated by surgically opening the cavity and allowing the pus to drain—a process requiring months and months for complete healing.

This didn't have to happen to Green, however, because his doctors were alert and experience had shown that with penicillin, empyema could sometimes be averted.

Four times the doctor "tapped" Green's left pleural cavity with a needle, withdrawing over 1000 cc. of fluid. Each time the fluid was taken off, a large dose of penicillin was put into the chest to stop bacterial growth.



Wilbur Green

The treatment almost had to be discontinued because Green is one of the rare individuals who are sensitive to penicillin. As his blood penicillin level rose he developed a rash.

The drug had done its work, though. His temperature came down by lysis, the fluid in his chest returned no more. He felt well. And as every convalescent patient will guess, it wasn't long before Green was doing some inside detail!

Pneumonia Mortality Drops

In the course of a year, many dozens of patients come to Oak Knoll with pneumonia, yet it seems that they invariably get well. But even the younger doctors can remember that it was not always thus. That pneumonia is a serious disease is reflected by its former place among the ten most common causes of death. That it has slipped to the bottom of the list is a reflection on the merits of modern chemotherapy.

In the Navy, the average mortality rate for pneumonia for the nine years preceding 1942 was seven times higher than during 1942. Penicillin was not even very widely used in 1942, and most of this difference must be attributed to the sulfonamide drugs.

The life-saving function of penicillin is, of course, the most important, but its preventive action against complications also weighs heavily. Whether or not Green's life was saved by penicillin is a moot question. But there's no doubting that it has shortened the interruption of his rain-checked honeymoon.

Sadie: "That husband of mine is a worm if there ever was one."

Daisy: "He sure is. I just saw a chicken pick him up."

Supine Patient Skillfully Paints



The painting being discussed by S1c E. I. Jones, was painted by S1c Manners, a bed patient on ward 41A, and was done while he was flat on his back. Mrs. McElhiney, a Gray Lady, instructed Manners while he worked on it. According to Manners the canvas is a Swiss scene which he did for the nurse on his ward. It is through the untiring efforts of the women pictured that crafts and arts, such as this, are made available to the patients of this hospital.

Young Ted Steele With New Band Captivates Hospital



Ted Steele

The trees and the breeze at the Amphitheatre danced and swayed Wednesday afternoon to the melodic interpretations of Ted Steele and his band. Ted's tuneful aggregation, featuring a two piano team, presented one of the best afternoon shows yet seen at Oak Knoll. Beautiful Lillian Long warbled the hits of the season in a most pleasant style, and Mr. Steele, the new singing sensation of the year, also rendered smooth vocals.

The comic mimic team of Mattson and Bedell furnished the cut-ups and capers for the show. Their clever pantomimes and take-offs amused the several hundred Oak Knollers who caught the show.

Ted organized his West Coast band in December and became musical director of station KMPC in Hollywood. During its present engagement at the Palace Hotel the band has broken all existing records. Besides singing and leading the band Ted Steele has written a new song hit "Phoof Phoof," which he introduced here Wednesday.

He was leading his first band at the age of sixteen and since then he has emerged as a successful announcer, singer, actor, newscaster, musical director and script-writer.

The Perry Como recording of "Temptation" was arranged and conducted by Ted Steele, and his orchestra played the musical accompaniment. Later he was musical director for the "Chesterfield Supper Club" starring Perry Como.

Ted Steele's musical organization

Movie Schedule
Sat., 22 June—*For Whom The Bell Tolls*, Ingrid Bergman, Gary Cooper.

Sun., 23 June—*Little Mr. Jim*, Butch Jenkins, Frances Gifford.

Mon., 24 June — *It All Came True*, Humphrey Bogart, Ann Sheridan.

Tues., 25 June—*Courage of Lassie*, Elizabeth Taylor, Edmund Guenn.

Wed., 26 June—*Partners in Time*, Pamela Blake, John James.

Thurs., 27 June — *Dressed To Kill*, Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce.

Fri., 28 June—*Somewhere in The Night*, John Hodiak, Nancy Guild.

Ride Available . . .

Anyone going as far as Tulsa, Okla., or Fort Smith, Ark., and desiring a ride see SC2c D. J. Cobb, Commissary II. Leaving 29 June and can take two ship-mates.

is unique in that he plays no jive. To quote Ted on the subject of hot jive, "Many hot jive numbers that have recently sprung to popularity in the nation's night spots are a degenerate type of music in which the insistent, harsh and repetitive rhythm is divorced from melody and in which the lyrics are usually off color or suggestive." Which contention, though it will be scorned by the hep cats and jive artists, is a proven fact.

Scuttlebutt

Attention: **Johnny Rader**, **Johnny Borden**, and all of X-ray. "**Brooklyn**" **Weiler** and his gang of cutthroats have hatched a plot aimed at you. Everyday they feed your ducks, luring them closer and closer to the back door of 43B, while inside the ward a pot of water is kept boiling. Be on the lookout for duck soup.

Other scheming eyes are focused on Transportation's lone mallard where **Jack Embrey** and **Jack Frisk** are maintaining a watchful vigil.

Looking **LEE**-ward we find one by the name of **Johnny** has popped the perennial "Will You" and has latched onto the affirmative. We see another, name of **Ginny**, popping the perennial "I walked into a door!"

Things look **Black** for **Herbert**. The ceremony was perfect — the bride and groom were happy — until they found that he had his leave — she, Wave **Willa Bowman**, didn't have hers. Rather than spoil the honeymoon **Blackie** went by himself.

Candid Shots: The Compound Courts have been groaning under the weight of a bevy of lovely Wave netsters. Seen slamming sizzling serves at each other were tan **Jeannie Taylor**, and cute **Catherine Nelson**. Smashing forehands and lazy lobs were the forte of **Chief Gilboy** and **Irene Chaisson**. Eye-tem **Gladys Garman** showed smooth form and dazzling foot-work.

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"Honestly Pat dear, I am glad that you're home, and as soon as I don't like Bob anymore I'd be glad to go out with you."



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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 29 June, 1946

Atomic Bomb to Be Dropped Next Monday on Bikini

Fireworks at this year's Fourth of July celebrations will be an anticlimax to the display of explosions that is scheduled to take place on the tiny Bikini Atoll next Monday.

The atmosphere at Kwajalein and Bikini is tense as 140 aircraft, 246 ships and 42,000 men anxiously await the outcome of the forthcoming tests.

Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal arrived in the South Pacific this week along with 80 high ranking Army and Navy officers and a score of civilian scientists to witness first hand the history that will be made when the atom bomb explodes. The test is being sponsored by the Navy to evaluate the power of the atom bomb.

The so-called "atom age" is just beginning, and it is up to the Navy and the civilian scientists to discover the effect the atom will have on our future civilization.

The test next week is expected to serve a two-fold purpose. Military experts hope to be able to determine the value of present day armies and navies in future warfare. Civilian experts can estimate the amount of radio activity produced and the effect it will have on the protected and non-protected animals that will be strategically located throughout the area.

Criticism Strong

The Navy, however, is working under the burden of public criticism. Vast numbers of people feel that millions of dollars are being wasted in the experiment and that the atom bomb should be destroyed along with all the secrets of its manufacture.

Others believe that the entire show is being sponsored by the Navy to prove to the world that there is a continued need for a strong sea power.

Whether the ships located in the Bikini lagoon survive or are destroyed the Navy will be heavily criticized. Nevertheless, the true facts of the case remain clear. It will be a chance for the world to know the true power of the world's deadliest weapon.

Hospital History Will Appear Next Monday

Patients and staff members are eagerly awaiting distribution of Oak Knoll's first historical souvenir booklet which is scheduled to appear on the compound Monday, July 1.

Only 1500 copies of the picture-filled volume will be available on that date, but all persons eligible for free copies will receive them as soon as deliveries are made from the printers. In order to assure fair distribution, personnel scheduled for discharge in early July will have preference on Monday.

All patients, staff, Red Cross workers, and civilians who have been at Oak Knoll six months or longer, will receive free copies of the book.

Patients will receive their copies on the wards while staff members' copies will be called for at the Public Information Office. Red Cross workers will have their books distributed from the Red Cross Information Office and civilians may pick up the booklets at the Civilian Personnel Office.

Ship's Service has ordered a thousand to be placed on sale for a small fee.

Honorable Discharge Requirements Altered

Many discharged enlisted personnel now holding types of discharge certificates other than honorable from the Navy will be permitted to obtain honorable ones by the retroactive change in honorable discharge qualifications. "Proficiency in rating" requirements for honorable discharge have been reduced from 3.0 to 2.75, affecting any person discharged from the Navy on or after 7 Dec. 1941.

Discharged personnel in this category may return their present certificate to the Board of Review, Discharges and Dismissals, Navy Department, Washington 25, D. C., accompanied by a written request for an honorable discharge certificate.

July Fourth Celebrations Scheduled for All Hands

Admiral McIntire To Speak in S.F.

Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire, Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and Surgeon General of the United States Navy will address the American Medical Association Convention to be held in San Francisco next week. Admiral McIntire will speak on the subject "The Role of Ophthalmology in the Navy During Wartime."

The convention is being held at the War Memorial Opera House in San Francisco from 2 July to 5 July.

Admiral McIntire is expected to visit Oak Knoll briefly during his stay on the West Coast.

Captain W. K. Livingston (MC) USNR, Chief of Oak Knoll's Peripheral Nerve Clinic, will also speak at the convention. Dr. Livingston will open a group discussion on "Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy."

Ward Appearances By Andrew Sisters

Those voices you heard raised in a rousing, slam bang rendition of "Rum and Coca Cola" Tuesday morning in the vicinity of Wards 41-A, 74-A and 78-B were none other than the Andrew Sisters in the flesh. Word that they would be here had gotten around and consequently the wards were jam-packed when the girls arrived. Under the sponsorship of the Welfare and Recreation Department, they and Johnny Bond, comedy star of the Gene Autry show, with suitable instrumental accompaniment, entertained and amused with some of their favorite selections. The girls — Maxine, Patty and LaVerne — sang "Beat Me Daddy," "Atlanta, G.A.," and the perennial hit "Rum and Coca Cola." Bond sang "Sioux City Sue" and Charley Layton, young and able harmonica artist, played "Star Dust" and David Rose's "Melody for Strings."

The Andrew Sisters are currently playing at the Orpheum in Oakland. They leave this week for an engagement in Los Angeles.

Sporting Events To be Featured

The Fair is coming to Oak Knoll!! The place is the Athletic Field; the time, 1300 on 4 July; presented by the Welfare and Recreation Department.

There will be a series of events open to all hands commencing at 1300 with a tug-of-war on the baseball field between the corpsmen and patients, followed by a similar struggle between the Waves and Nurses. Next will be a water fight between the corps waves and corpsmen and then two pie-eating contests, one for men and the other for women. Three legged races are the next scheduled features, one for men, one for women and the third for mixed doubles.

The scene of activity will then shift to the Oak Knoll swimming hole for the uniform-of-the-day races. The interns will comprise the contestants for the first race, followed by one for all men and one for women and then two relays. In the uniform-of-the-day race, the contestants will line up on one side of the pool with bathing suits on. At the starting signal, they will dress in uniforms given them and swim to the opposite end of the pool and then undress. The first undressed will be the winner. In the relays, the teammate will not start to dress until his teammate is completely undressed—down to the bathing suit, that is.

It is expected that everyone will turn out for these events, either as spectators or contestants or both. There will be ample refreshments and seats.

Prizes will be given for the first three places of each event. The uniforms for the water races will be provided by the committee.

These events are open to all hands.

The schedule of events were prepared by Oak Knoll's Assistant Provost Marshal, Chief Pharmacist Anthony Buccelli, who will also act as the Holiday's Master of Ceremonies.

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• Atom Bomb and Peace

It's a mere two days, weather permitting, until the Atom Bomb goes off over the Nevada.

Every civilized eye in the world will be focussed on the tiny atoll lost in the vast oceanic expanse of the Pacific. There for a fraction of a second, will occur the climax of a task taking 225 vessels and over 42,000 men for months of tedious preparation, not taking into consideration the millions of dollars put into the ships which supposedly will be demolished and the many other millions spent on equipment and personnel.

Various organizations have offered what they think to be more practical uses for all this money, material and manpower. The suggestions have included turning the money and test animals over to relief, using it to lessen the national debt and a few others.

We know that the knowledge to be gained from this mass experiment will advance the United States another step beyond the rest of the world in warfare technique, and will help insure our peace.

It is up to us to remain ahead of the rest of the world as far as scientific advancements are concerned, for our prestige will run along accordingly.

Artist Sketches Patients



Miss Bernadine Ryder, celebrated Los Angeles artist, toured Oak Knoll wards last week sketching portraits of bed patients. Miss Ryder, brought here through the efforts of the Welfare and Recreation Department, presented each patient with the completed portrait.

Red Cross Ramblings

"Esmiralda" Takes A Nose Dive

All the model fans (airplane) will recall the story in the May 18 Oak Leaf of the three Marines: Parker, Rion, and McDonald, and their seven-foot wing-span Piper Cub flying model. Since that picture was taken, "Esmiralda" has been clothed, painted, and finished. The trio wouldn't let us publicize her launching; they wanted to make sure it would fly first. It did. They have been given trial runs on the baseball field. Each day they would bring her back to the Red Cross Craft Shop for engine repairs. One day her pretty nose was bashed in, but they did an uplift job and had her looking like new.

Now she has had her final test flight, and all that is left is a broken motor and three broken hearts. While in flight, one of the lead wires snapped, the plane got out of control and crashed. The Three Musketeers salvaged the engine and gave the plane to two little girls who had been watching the flight.

Too bad, boys, better luck next time!

Mr. George Guff, representative of Standard Oil Company, entertained patients on Ward 63A last Monday, June 17, with two movies. The first one, a sports reel on wrestling, famous baseball stars, and taming of animals was especially enjoyed by the men. A travelogue about "Our Neighbors Down Under" gave the men a peek into the beauty of South America and helped to acquaint them further with Pan-American customs. Mr. Guff, who will be coming to the hospital each week, has a great

variety of films, which are proving to be of great interest to the patients.

On Tuesday evening, June 18, the Berkeley Folk Dancers came to the hospital to entertain the patients on Wards 77A and 74A. This group of talented and enthusiastic dancers, who have been coming regularly every two weeks for more than a year, were, as always, eagerly welcomed.

This Tuesday night, because they were informed photographers would be there, they came especially dressed in a variety of beautiful Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Mexican and Czechoslovakian costumes, including real flowers for the hair and tambourines.

Amid flashing bulbs of the photographers, the dancers started a 45 minute program of Russian, Swedish, Sicilian and other dances to folk music, followed by an American Square dance and "schottische."

First rate fiddling with an Oak Knoll guitar and cello made up a real orchestree for the "square" dance on Ward 60 on Tuesday, June 18. It was "Allemande left" and "swing your partner" to tune of Red River Valley, Buffalo Gals and Billy Boy.

Gray Ladies from Oakland served as partners and waltzed and do-si-chasse, promenaded and do-si-doeed. The Virginia Reel started the program with plenty of polkas, schottische, and sets. Bed patients enjoyed the activity also, signified by wiggling toes and claps.

Food proved a gay finale to a hot evening.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Christian Patriotism

Patriotism plays an outstanding part in our life, especially in times of great national crisis. It can be mere sentimentality or a cloak for selfish designs; and it can be a christian virtue. It should be the latter, however. To be this, its foundation must be laid in God's plan that mankind form families; and families, communities; and communities, nations. Thus in God's plan, patriotism is love of family extended to the nation. While it can and should be intensive, it must have all the earmarks of true love and charity. As such it must conform to the law and will of God, which excludes all injustice and hatred of individuals and races. Christian patriotism considers all as members of the mystical body of Christ, as the great family of the children of God.

"Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord: the people whom He hath chosen for his inheritance." Ps.32:12.

Submitted by

NICHOLAS F. GRUBER, Catholic Chaplain.

Divine Services

Protestant: Chaplains—E. C. Andrews, J. A. Talley, W. F. Summers, J. L. Zerwas. Sunday— Morning Service1000 Communion Service1100 Evening Vespers1930 Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800. Choir—Tuesday & Thursday, 1400-1500. Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1. Christian Science: Wartime minister will be at the reception office in the Chapel every Tuesday at 1400 to 1600. L. D. S. (Mormon): Services USNR 1930 Thursday.	Catholic: Chaplains—Nicholas F. Gruber, J. P. Griffin. Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130. Weekday Mass—0800 and 1630. Confessions before all Masses. Novena and Benediction, 1630 Tuesday. Catholic Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1. Jewish: Divine Service—2000 Friday, conducted by Mr. Bernard Miran. The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1900 to 2000 on Fridays.
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Scuttlebutt

"And What Is So Rare As A Day In June?" James Russell Lowell first posed this now famous question in "The Vision of Sir Launfal." This week we were given an emphatic answer by **Thelma Boskon**. "Nothing," said **Thelma**, "is so rare as a day in June." As with her June discharge paper in hand she gaily tripped in to bid her adieux to her old friends on the **Oak Leaf Staff**. **Thelma** has been a mainstay at Welfare and Recreation, and they, we, and all who know her are going to miss her.

Buckets of tears are being shed wherever the B.T.O.C.'s congregate. Departed this week were the "M" girls, "**Rusty**" **Masson** and "**Dotty**" **Matesich**. These two bundles of pulchritude leave in their respective wakes, scores of admirers ranging from lowly HA2c's to Admirals. The loss of stately "**Rusty**" ex of X-Ray and delectable "**Dotty**" of Staff Personnel is being mourned by that great admirer of feminine beauty, **Richard "The" Schein**.

The Molar Manglers of Dental witnessed the withdrawal of **Fern Horine** from their ranks. **Fern** will be missed on the WAVE softball team of which she was an outstanding member.

Demob's ex-**Mary Ireland** has demobed herself and gone out into the great hungry outside world.

Farewell, too, to **Sue Zachau**, former baggage-smasher of the Bag Room; to "**Tex**" **Fenner** and "**Booty**" **Hicks** of O.P.D., a couple of cute chicks. And to **Janet Freas** and pert little **Lois Ziegler** of Peripheral Nerve.

We tried to talk **Betty Johnsen** of Ed Services and **Lorraine Irwin** of one of the OPD wards into shipping over. We pointed out the benefits of Navy life, we made an issue of the new pay increase but these girls were definitely not interested.

So we focussed our attention on **Jo Sampson** and **Dee Vigil** but they were so intent on becoming civvies again that they didn't even see us.

In fact we gotta say goodbye to everyone of the 36 she-sailors who left the old campus this week. From A to Z kids we are going to miss you. You were all a part of **Oak Knoll**, your respective niches here will not be easily filled. We were saddened—but gladdened—to see you crowding into the WRR's office to get your goodbyes.

Anyhow we have the answer to Mr. Lowell's question. Any discharge day is as rare as a day in June.

Gimps Fall Before NAS

There is no joy in Ward 53; the mighty Gimps have fallen.

Weakened by the loss of the left side of their infield via the survey route, the Gimps booted away a game Tuesday, June 18, succumbing to the Alameda Air Station Softball Nine. The locals could only rack 6 tallies as compared to 7 rung up by Alameda. Errors and sloppily played ball in general led to the downfall of the once mighty Gimps. Pitcher **Benny Garcia**, heretofore invincible, contributed to his own defeat by tossing several wild heaves which Catcher **Jim Pollard** was unable to snag. These wild pitches came with runner on third base.

But the Gimps went down fighting and the ball game was in doubt until the final out. The Oakies got off to a roaring start with a four run lead in the early innings. Alameda came right back and in the fifth inning edged ahead with a four run spurge. The Gimps came roaring back with two runs in the seventh but were unable to push across the important seventh run.

The defeat by Alameda ended the phenomenal 14 game win streak of the Gimps. Their only previous loss had been to the Brig Guard nine at the start of the season.

The Gimps recently made Bay Area news when they were featured by **Bill Leiser** in the **San Francisco Chronicle**.

The latest word from the Gimp management is that the team is being disbanded.

We offer congratulations to the Limp Gimps for the fine sportsmanship shown by them in representing **Oak Knoll** in the Sporting Scene. And individually to **Russ Pollard**, catcher; **Benny Garcia**, pitcher; **Max Davis**, 1st base; **Mel McConnell**, 2nd base; **Clarence Rea**, shortstop; **Charley Hollom**, 3rd base; **Carl McGee**, right field; **Harry Gillihan**, center field; **Walt Osborne**, left field; **James Murphy** and **Bill McGleam**, utility men. Handicapped though they were, they ably met and bested nearly every opponent they met on the diamond.

Calling all chow hounds!!!!
Free sandwiches and coffee at the Blood Bank to all donors!
Get yourself a meal and help others live by donating your pint today. All types are needed, and demand is ever present.
The cupboard is again bare at the Blood Bank.

WOMEN IN WHITE

By Lt. Comdr. Mildred M. Morrison (NC) USN

Our staff of nurses keeps depleting rapidly. This week we lost Lt. **Susie Tanner** to the Naval Hospital at Corona. Ensign **Virginia Malone**, nee **Ehrhardt**, was detached to civil life. She and her husband are living in Sausalito.

Lt. **Catherine Corvari** was detached on June 25. After a short vacation at her home in Tacoma, Wash., she will go to Salt Lake City where she has accepted a position as Operating Room Supervisor at St. Mark's Hospital, a 500-bed hospital associated with the medical school in that city.

Ensign **Viola Litteken** was also detached to civil life.

The month of July will really see our ranks shrinking, with 37 nurses leaving during the first two weeks and the same number going later in the month.

Alstacon Reveals Eligible Waves

A recent Alstacon has stated which enlisted Waves are eligible to sign over until July of 1947. These rates include Seamen, Hospital Apprentices, Pharmacist's Mates, Storekeepers, Telegraphers, Parachute Riggers, Aero-grapher's Mates, Aviation Machinist's Mates and Specialists T (LT), (Q), (V), (Y) and (G).

A second group embraces all Waves whose rates may be changed to one of the above mentioned rates. These Waves will be considered second. A third group under consideration includes those whose rates neither appear in the above list or have the qualifications to change to one of the above rates. These rates may apply until July of 1946 when they will be accepted until July of 1947 if needed.

Time Changed For Jewish Services

During the summer months, commencing Friday, 28 June, the Jewish religious services will be held at the Chapel at 1745 instead of 2000. The services are conducted by Mr. **Bernard Miran**, Field Representative of the Hospital and Veterans Service Department of the National Jewish Welfare Board. Beginning Friday, 12 July, Chaplain **Alfred Barnston**, Jewish Chaplain from the 12th Naval District, will conduct the services. All Jewish patients and staff are invited to attend.

Capt. "Frank" Chu Expert Linguist

A Private one week, a Captain the next—that is what happened to Captain **Mu Hsiang Chu**, USMCR, a patient on Ward 56.

Captain **Chu** started with the Marines in the fall and winter of 1944 and 1945 as a civilian Specialist at both San Diego and Camp Pendleton. On April 25, he enlisted as a buck private and was soon sent to Honolulu. The Mar-



ine Corps then realized his value, since he had previously mastered a few of the innumerable Chinese dialects and was acquainted with the diverse customs of the people. He was promoted to the rank of Captain and in August, was sent to the Island of Kyushu in Japan, where he was attached to Headquarters D-2, stationed at the cities of Sasebo, Nagasaki and Fukuoka.

Captain **Chu** had many varied duties, acting as a liaison between the American Forces and the millions of Chinese who had been imported as workers during the war. He aided the Military Police in the governing and the investigation of cases of these Chinese and also did work with the Counter Intelligence Corps. His main problem was the deportation of these people back to their various home areas in China.

He was then sent to the Chinese mainland in the same capacity, where he remained until hospitalized in Tientsin. Later he was sent to Aiea Heights and finally to **Oak Knoll**.

"Frank," as he prefers to be called among his fellow officers, was born in the Dutch East Indies, the son of a plantation owner. He was educated in both the Indies and Yenching University in Peiping, China. He then taught at Tsing Hua University, which in 1937 was moved to Kunming due to the Sino-Japanese war. Prior to joining the Marines, Boston and California were the scenes of his next five years of education with one year at Stanford and four at Harvard.

LATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Just as the "Oak Leaf" was going to press the Welfare and Recreation Department announced additional plans for the Independence Day celebrations. The music of **Jan Savitt** and his **Top Hatters** will be featured during an afternoon stage show at the swimming pool. At 2200 all hands will dance to the music of **Jan Savitt** in the auditorium.

The Officers' Club announces an afternoon barbecue and evening dance for staff officers and their guests. Tickets may be purchased for one dollar at the Club.

All Star Hollywood Show Features Jack Carson



For more than two hours last Friday night, hundreds of Oak Knoll citizens watched Jack Carson and nine other Hollywood celebrities present an unexcelled comedy variety show. Carson introduced the individual acts and kept the audience roaring with his antics, jokes and comic imitations. Francine Fay (above, left) and Georgianna Smith (right) added feminine pulchritude as did Paula Darcy, Linda Ware, Vivian Faye and Mary McCarthy. The male compliment was upheld by Carson, Tommy Wells (center), Frank Paine and singing star Dennis Morgan.

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Letter to America From Secretary of Treasury

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To Shareholders in America:

The support that you gave your Government and your fighting men when you bought War Bonds greatly helped us in achieving final, complete and smashing victory. You backed your Government and fighters to the end.

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Like millions of others, you too will probably want to continue buying regularly and systematically so that you will have a substantial fund for the security of yourself and your family in the years to come.

Add to your "take home" savings through buying and holding United States Savings Bonds. You will find them a growing source of satisfaction as the years go by.

/s/ Fred M. Vinson.

Navy Releases New Personnel Figures

The Navy has demobilized a total of 2,490,738 of its personnel since August 1, 1945, to remain ahead of schedule. The total Regular Navy first enlistment, enlistments in Regular Navy from Reserves and Inductees, reenlistments and extensions since the surrender of Japan through May 31, 1946, is 229,370. The total strength of the Regular Navy is 507,185 including 38,341 officers and 468,844 enlisted men.

Movie Schedule

Fri., 28 June — "Somewhere in the Night," John Hodiak and Nancy Guild.

Sat., 29 June — "Affairs of Susan," Joan Fontaine and Don DeFore.

Sun., 30 June — "Strange Triangle," Signe Hasso and John Sheppard.

Mon., 1 July — "Pride of the Marines," John Garfield.

Tues., 2 July — "Without Reservations," Claudette Colbert and John Wayne.

Wed., 3 July — "She Wrote the Book," Joan Davis and Jack Oakie.

Thurs., 4 July — "Dangerous Business," Forrest Tucker and Lynn Merrick.

Fri., 5 July — "Walls Came Tumbling Down," Lee Bowman and Margarite Chapman.

Off the Bookshelf

New books added to the Hospital Library are as follows:

Short Stories

Cooper: *Great Horse Stories*.
Donovan: *Headlights and Markers*. Stories about railroading.

Biographies

Ball: *Aloha!* Continuation of a delightful autobiography begun in *Born in Paradise*.
Dolson: *We Shook the Family Tree*. Humorous autobiography.
Hume: *Doctors East, Doctors West*. Experiences of an American doctor in China.

Bulosan: *America Is in the Heart*. A Filipino's life in his own land and in the United States.

Californiana

Cleland: *California Pageant*. A new popular history of California.
McWilliams: *Southern California Country*. A sociologist looks at its vagaries.

Plays

Lindsay: *State of the Union*. A current Broadway success.
Rodgers: *Carousel*. A popular musical play.

World War II

Cant: *The Great Pacific Victory*.
Karig: *Battle Report: The Atlantic War*.
Pratt: *Fleet Against Japan*.

Mysteries

Carr: *He Who Whispers*. A psychological story.
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